Reception Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome parents and children to Locking Stumps half-termly newsletter. There is so much to learn when your child starts school that this newsletter will be overflowing with information.

Staff in Foundation Stage

Class 1- Mrs Jennings
Class 2 - Mrs French (M, T, W) and Mrs Robinson (Th, F)
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Gemmell, Miss Holt and Mrs Burke.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term is ***All About Me,*** which is an extremely relevant theme, helping us to get to know your child. It will potentially cover topics such as "me", my family, my home, my school, my body.

Birthday corner

Look who's 5!!!!! We wish the following children a fantastic birthday this half term.

Phoebe R'Maya Freya Thomas Rhys Ebony Theo

From Monday 19th September …

all children will be full time in school. In the morning our priority is to ensure a successful start to the day for all our children and we have been so pleased with the way they have been coming in independently. Thank you for letting them **put their own** lunch box and water bottle on the trolley and **named** snack and drink in the snack boxes, so that they know what snack they have. It has made snack time easy and pleasurable.
If you wish to discuss any expect of your child's learning or any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the academic day. For urgent matters please come into school before the day commences at 8.35 am (except Friday mornings when all staff have a meeting) or ring school to make an appointment.

Last note: Please, please, please make sure that all school uniform is labelled with permanent marker or labels and check regularly that they are still legible. (even shoes!!!) Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Reading Meeting Thursday 22nd Sept. 5.30pm
Celebration Assemblies Friday 2.40pm September 16th, 30th, October 14th. All welcome in the hall.
Parents' Evenings Wed. Oct 12th 4-7pm, Thurs 13th Oct 5-8pm

Reading Meeting

We will be holding a Reading Meeting in school on **Thursday 22nd September at 5.30pm.** This is such an important meeting to attend because we explain how your child learns to read, what we do in school, the way we teach Letters and Sounds, what will come home and what you as parents do to help and support. Please come; it will last just less than an hour!

Golden Rules

You will soon be hearing about Our Golden Rules, if you haven't already! These are class rules that we make to help keep us safe and happy in school. Have a read through and see if you can help your child to learn and follow them.

We will keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
We will look after the things we use.
We will line up smartly.
We will listen carefully.
We will always try our best with our work.
We will tidy up quickly and quietly.
We will walk around school.

Numeracy Information

This half term we will be learning …

- To sort and match
- To make sets
- Counting objects and recognising numbers to 5, then 10
- To make patterns
- About shapes

Helping in School

Once the children are settled, help from parents and grandparents is greatly valued. Activities we would like to pursue, should anyone be interested, are baking, craft, photocopying, laminating and gardening. If you have other strengths that you would like to share, please let us know, thank you.

Welcome to Reception

Coming into School

The children will line up outside their classroom and come into school independently at ***8.45am*** for registration at 9 o'clock.

Milk Money

Children who wish to have milk should bring ***90p in a named envelope*** and place it in the 'Milk box' on the trolley each Monday morning. (If they have milk they do not need a separate juice for snack time.)

Snacks and Drinks

Snacks and drinks **must** be named and placed in the appropriate boxes by the children so they know what their snack is. We have a Healthy Schools Award so no chocolate, biscuits, cakes or crisps please. (Only one snack is necessary.) In an afternoon, the children are given fresh fruit at playtime. We are also going to be providing our own snacks for Thursdays, so snack will not be needed on that day. Please could you ***send in £1*** for this half term's ingredients, thank you.

Water bottles

These are provided by the school and should be named with a permanent marker pen, taken home daily, washed and filled with fresh water. Please could we stress that only water goes in these bottles. If you lose it, replacements can be purchased from the office for £1.

Dinner Money

We will let you know when children can start staying for school dinners. Children who have school dinners place their named envelope into the box marked 'Dinner Money', which is on the trolley.

P.E. Kit

P.E. kits should be brought, and kept, in school as soon as possible. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday and our PE Kit consists of a plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps, ***all named.***

Reading Folders

Once parents have attended the reading meeting, (see later notes) reading folders should be brought to school ***every*** day.
Inside should be their reading book, green reading comments book and library book.
Later in the year your child will also be bringing home a Letters and Sounds book, keywords and a spelling book, which should also be kept in their reading folder.