

# INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St John Fisher Roman Catholic Primary School. We hope that you and your child will be very happy here.

We aim to make the transition from Nursery/Playgroup/Home to Reception Class as easy as possible.

Please read this booklet before your individual appointment with the class teacher which you have signed up for. Please ensure that the forms you have been given are completed and are ready to be collected at this appointment. The purpose of this individual visit is for you to meet with the teachers and share any information about your child.

There will be 30 children in the class and they will be split into five groups according to their age. Your child will start school towards the end of September, the details of which will be given to you in due course (half days initially).

On the following pages I have put together some information to help you and your child. You may be able to work on some of the suggestions over the summer holidays especially toileting, dressing and undressing, writing and recognising their name, etc.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child in September. In the meantime enjoy your summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Baldwin  
Reception Class Teacher

May 2024

## Uniform

**Boys** -grey trousers, white shirt with tie or white polo shirt and a school sweatshirt. (In summer the boys may wear grey shorts)



**Girls** -grey skirt or pinafore, white shirt with tie or white polo shirt and a school sweatshirt or cardigan. In the summer the girls may wear a yellow gingham summer dress.



Sensible plain black shoes - NO TRAINERS.

**PE kit** - your child will participate in PE (physical education) at least once a week; I will inform you of the day. For PE your child will need a plain white tee-shirt, navy blue plain shorts and a pair of plimsolls.

The sweatshirts, girls' cardigans and ties can be purchased from the school office.

Hair      All long hair must be tied back  
No coloured extensions may be worn  
No patterns or lines cut into boy's hair  
Boy's hair to be ONE length all over



**Please label all your child's clothing, preferably with sew in or iron on labels.** Some websites you can order these from are [www.wovenlabelsuk.com](http://www.wovenlabelsuk.com), [www.carehomelabelco.com](http://www.carehomelabelco.com), [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com).



Other items of school uniform can be purchased from Asda, Matalan, Tesco, Sainsbury, Marks & Spencer, etc.

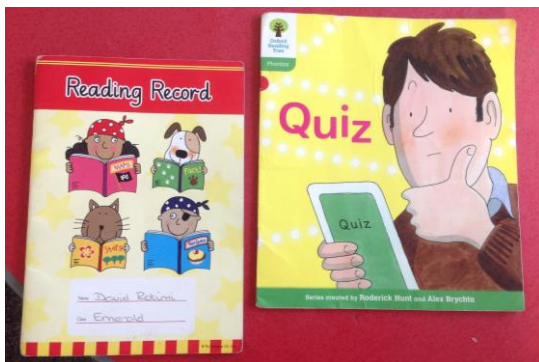
## Book bags

Your child will also need a book bag which can be purchased from the school office.



## Reading Books

Your child will be given a Reading Record Book along with a reading book. Can you please make sure that you sign this book **every day** to show that you have heard your child read/shared the book with him/her. The reading books will be changed on Monday and Thursday.

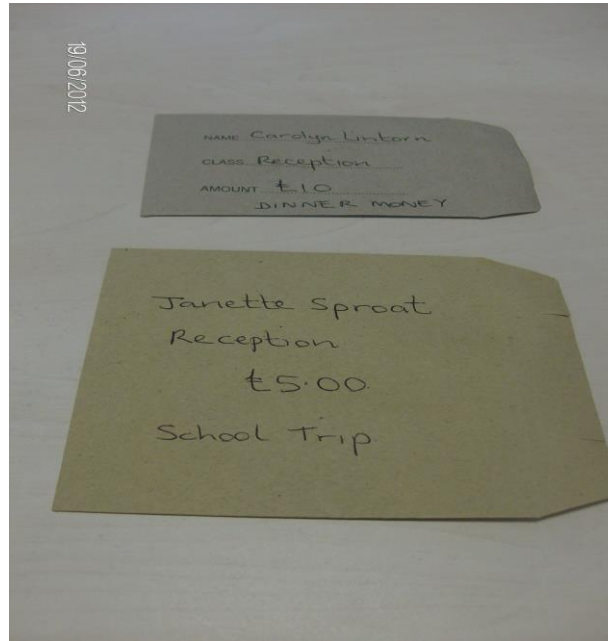


8-2-18	Stop That Popcorn!	David is doing well reading alot of 3 letter words.
9/02/18	Stop That Popcorn	David did well setting some 3 letter words eg. Pop, Pen
10/02/18	Stop That Popcorn	David enjoyed reading and also did so by himself.
11/02/18	Stop That Popcorn	David & his dad made up many fun words using phonemes.
12/02/18	Stop That Popcorn	David is able to identify familiar words on buses, billboards etc.
13/02/18	Stop That Popcorn.	David came up with different words starting with letter 'P'.



## Money

Any money sent into school i.e. dinner money, money for a school trip etc. should be in an envelope with your **child's name**, class, amount and what the money is for.



## Jewellery

The only jewellery allowed is small stud earrings. **Jewellery must not be worn for PE days.**



## Notice board

St John Fisher newsletters and any other important information or notices will be displayed on the noticeboard outside the Reception classroom

## Homework

Reading should take place every night for 10-15 minutes. Initially your child will share the book with you and as he/she progresses with learning his/her phonics (letter sounds) he/she will gain more confidence with reading. Always ask your child questions about what you have read as it is important to check that they understand what they are reading.

Sometimes homework will be given out on a Friday and this reinforces work which has been carried out over the week.

## Maths

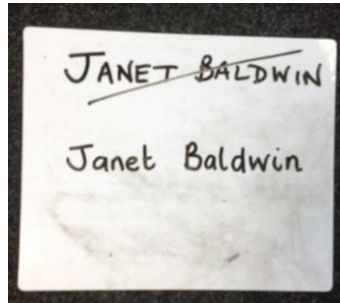
The teaching of maths is carried out following the philosophy of Maths Mastery which entails broadening the children's concepts of maths so that they can apply their learning in many and varied ways. Please talk to your child about shape names, the recognition of numbers, quantity and different measures.

## Phonics

The teaching of reading is carried out through learning phonics (letter sounds). At St John Fisher we use the Twinkl Scheme alongside Jolly Phonics and Phonics Play (your child may be familiar with this if they have attended nursery).

## Writing Names

When you child writes his/her name please encourage him/her to only use a capital letter for the first letter and lower case letters for the others.



## Reception Staff

Class Teacher: Janet Baldwin

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Sanni