

Dear Reception Parents,

A very warm welcome to SJV!

The children have been fantastic and have settled into the Reception class routines extremely well these past couple of weeks! Below I have included some key information that outlines the routines and expectations in Reception. I have also included the Autumn Term's Curriculum Overview, so that you are familiar with the topics that we will be studying.

### Clothing

Please make sure that all clothing (including all uniform and PE kit) and items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Reading

Although we read with the children daily in different forms we would also like children to read at home. We read a whole class story with your child every day, shared/modelled reading, group reading and 1:1 reading.

We also encourage the children to read a variety of genres and literature, and not just their school reading book, in order to broaden their understanding and vocabulary.



Reading books will be changed in school on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** – providing they have finished their previous book. If your child has completed their book

before this day please encourage them to: re-read the book, questioning your child in more detail; or to read alternative books from home/the local library. At times, your child may be sent comprehension questions based on the book they have read.

Reception children will begin by learning their stage words by sight, once they have mastered **most** of these words, they will then get a book from that stage.

### P.E

We have P.E on **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate P.E kit in school. These are black shorts, our purple P.E shirt and indoor pumps. When doing P.E outside, children can wear black jogging bottoms, trainers and a purple hoody - this is available to buy as part of the P.E uniform. Children will need to come to school wearing their kit on a **Thursday**.

### Forest School

Your child will have a Forest School session every **Tuesday** or **Thursday** afternoon. I will send out a list of

dates half-termly, along with information about which group your child will be in. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit, including footwear, and as the weather starts to cool, please ensure your child is wearing extra layers!



### Expectations

The children in Reception, as in all classes, are expected to do their best in everything they do. High expectations of behaviour and work are necessary in order to help each child to achieve their full potential.

The children are rewarded for excellent work, effort and behaviour with awards, house points and treats, as part of our class/whole school reward system.



Unfortunately, for those children who do not meet the high expectations regarding work effort and behaviour, sanctions such as missing recreational time will be applied. Serious incidents are always logged on our internal reporting system (CPOMS) and where there are three serious incidents logged, parents are invited into school and are issued with a letter. Parents and pupils are invited to review meetings following an agreed period of time in order to ensure that there is significant improvement. Please note: We cannot take pupils out on trips, including residential visits, if they are not able to follow adult instructions, as this risks the safety of the child, other children in the group and staff.

I hope that these details help your in becoming familiar with the weekly routines in Reception. I know that the children will work hard and try their very best in all that they do throughout the year. I look forward to seeing them continue to make good progress by growing in confidence and independence in their learning.

As you know, we have an open-door policy at St John Vianney Catholic Primary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me in Reception before or after school. I look forward to seeing you at the Parents evenings in October.

Many Thanks,

Miss Shailer

Reception

**Please detach, sign and return to school at your earliest convenience, thank you.**

To: Miss Shailer, St. John Vianney Catholic Primary School

Name of Child:

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I acknowledge receipt of the letter regarding Reception routines and areas of study.

Signed (Parent/Guardian):

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Date:

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