

Cool Milk

All children up to their 5th birthday receive a free carton of milk at snack time through the Cool Milk scheme. A reminder that once your child reaches the age of 5, if you would like them to continue receiving milk, you will need to register and pay through the website.



<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

PE

All Reception classes have PE twice a week on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**.

All children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days and they will remain in them throughout the day. Please could long hair be tied back and earrings removed.



Phonics and Reading



We follow the Little Wandle Phonics programme and we have started teaching daily phonics sessions with the children. We will also be starting to do reading sessions 3 times per week. Following these sessions, the children will take home the book they have been reading in class to continue practising at home to help build their confidence and fluency when reading independently.

Please can we ensure that each time you read with your child, you comment and sign in their reading diaries. We would like to see a minimum of **3 different times you have signed each week**. It is important that the books are returned every day, even if your child's books are not scheduled to be changed. If any books are lost or damaged, there is a £5 charge.

Please feel free to come and talk to us about your child's reading at any time. You can really help build their comprehension skills by asking questions about their book.



to Reception

Welcome to Forest Lodge Academy!

We are looking forward to this exciting year in our new classes! We already have lots planned for the year, but we would like to give you some additional information about Reception, the staff and what we will be covering this term. We look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions about your child's time at school, please do not hesitate to ask us. All members of the Reception staff will be available to talk to you in the classroom each morning, or again at the end of the school day.

Reception staff:

- Mrs Toone (Teacher)
- Mr Butler (Teacher)
- Mrs Wren (Teacher)
- Miss Andrews (Teacher)
- Miss Coe (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Green (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Blackwell (Teaching assistant)
- Ms Taylor (SEND Teaching assistant)
- Ms Tyrer (SEND Teaching assistant)

Topic

Our topic for **Autumn 1** is **Dream Big**. We will be learning about superheroes, people who help us in our community and the Autumn season. As we become more familiar with the children we will also begin to follow their own interests and incorporate these into our provision.



Our topic for **Autumn 2** will be **I Am Special**. We will be learning about the different types of celebrations and the people who celebrate them, such as Halloween, Christmas and Diwali. We will also learn about the importance of family and friends and what they mean to us.



School Uniform

All children must come to school in appropriate school uniform, this must also include sensible black footwear.

We would be grateful if all jumpers and cardigans could be named so that they can be returned to you easily if the children mislay them.

Wellies and Mac's

Lots of your child's education in early years also takes place outdoors. In order for this to carry on throughout the winter please provide your child with a waterproof mac and wellington boots which you can keep at school.

Additionally, wellies and macs will be needed as we begin taking part in half termly Forest Fun sessions, exploring nature in all weathers.

Homework

As well as your child reading their reading practice book at home to an adult, we will be sending out a recap of the phonics sounds and words we have learnt that week so you can practice at home with your child. These will be sent home on a Friday and do not need to be returned to school.



Packed lunches

Forest Lodge is a healthy school and we encourage the children to choose a healthy lunch. We please ask you to refrain from sending in nuts due to allergies and fizzy drinks are also not allowed. Please also cut foods in half such as grapes to help prevent risk of choking.



Events to look out for

- Monday 21st September - Individual pupil photos
- Thursday 24th September - McMillan Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 30th September - Phonics Parent meeting at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October - Parents evenings
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day
- Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day
- Friday 11th December - Christmas Activity Day
- Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December (AM) - Early Years Nativity performance