

Dear Parents and Guardians of Cherry Class,

I hope this email finds you well. Please accept my apologies for the length of this message, but there are several important reminders and pieces of information I would like to share with you. Our first week together has now come to an end, and I am very pleased to say that the children have settled in wonderfully. They already feel comfortable in Cherry Class, as if they had been here forever!

Staff in Cherry Class:

Mrs Nicgorska - Class Teacher (full-time)

Mrs Brown - Teaching Assistant (full-time)

Learning Support Assistants:

- Easter (Monday – morning, Tuesday – morning, Wednesday)
- Emma C (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- Gemma (Thursday, Friday – morning)
- Uschi (Tuesday)
- Linda (Monday – Thursday)
- Sarah (Friday)
- Lisa (Monday, Tuesday)
- Fionna (Wednesday – Friday)
- Natalie M (Monday-Friday afternoons)

Morning and Afternoon Snacks: We have morning and afternoon snack times. Please ensure that your child brings a healthy morning snack, such as fruit, a cheese string, or a healthy snack bar. Afternoon snacks will be provided by the school. We are a nut-free school, so kindly avoid sending any nut-based products to school. For safety reasons, please cut fruits like grapes before sending them with your child. Additionally, we kindly request that you avoid sending snacks in glass containers (please use plastic or metal containers instead) to ensure the safety of all children.

Labelling Personal Items: We want to extend a big THANK YOU to all parents who have labelled their children's school uniform, shoes, wellies, lunch boxes, and water bottles. It greatly helps us in ensuring that items are returned to the correct owners.

All About Me Topic: Our first topic for this half term is "All About Me," and the children have already been busy creating wonderful self-portraits using various materials. To further support their learning and help them settle into our Reception class, we kindly request that each child bring in a family photo over the next two weeks. This could be a photo from a family holiday, celebration, or any other occasion. The photos will be displayed on our class wall, creating a comforting and familiar space for the children. If they ever feel they miss their parents, they will always be able to look at the photos and feel connected to home.

Physical Education (P.E.): P.E. sessions are scheduled for Friday mornings (starting 19th of September). Please make sure your child has suitable clothing in a bag (everything named).

For boys, this includes tracksuits/shorts (in warmer weather), socks, and trainers. For girls, it's leggings/tracksuits/shorts (in warmer weather), socks, and trainers (no tights, please).

Tapestry Online Platform: We use an online platform called Tapestry to record, track, and share your child's learning journey in Reception. This system allows us to document activities through photographs, videos, and written observations. You will receive login details for Tapestry from our admin team once we have obtained all necessary permissions from parents and caregivers.

Lunch Choices: You have the option to order lunch for your child on Arbor, our school management platform. If your child wishes to change their lunch choice in the morning, please let us know, and we will accommodate the change.

Forest School: Forest School sessions will start in the next half term (Autumn 2). Further details, including days and clothing requirements, will be shared nearer the time.

Parking: A gentle reminder that parking on the school grounds is not permitted unless you have been given permission by the Headteacher. We kindly ask you to park considerately outside the school site and to respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways or access to their properties.

For a comprehensive overview of what your children will be learning this half term, please visit our school website (Cherry Class - Reception | Bentfield Primary School and Nursery) where you can find detailed information. Thank you for your support, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth with your child.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicgorska

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