

## Information for starting school- September 2020

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child. Normally we would hold a year group meeting with everyone but we hope this information is useful. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Yates [EYFS Leader]



### Times for your part time transition visits - week starting 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September

Morning session times are 9am-12 noon [if you are dropping off a sibling you may drop off between 8.40am and 9.10am]

Afternoon session times are 1pm -3pm [if you are collecting a sibling you may collect between 2.50pm and 3.10pm]

We have put these extended times in place to encourage social distancing for our families.

**Dropping off/Collecting** - please make sure you are on time for this and always let us know if is somebody different as it can be very distressing for your child if we can't let them go with an unfamiliar adult. Phone the office if it will be a different person unexpectedly on the day.



**Book Bags** - we encourage all children to have a School Book Bag as this is where we put their reading books and the yellow Reading Record book. Letters are often put in here so please check them every day.

**Rucksacks** - we do **not** have a lot of space in school so please **NO** rucksacks.



We love you to read daily with your child - please comment in the yellow reading diary if you wish to.

**Water Bottles** - all children will be given a school water bottle to bring in each day. Please put only **WATER** in these and please do not put them in Book Bags as they leak!



**PE** - please make sure **EARRINGS** are out and long hair tied back. We need shorts, t shirt, old jogging bottoms and old trainers in school - please **NAME** everything for us!



Please put everything in a **named bag** which your child can recognise.

**Coats** - Please make sure these are in school as we use outside all the time. Please **NAME** coats!



**Wellies** - Please bring in a pair of **NAMED** wellies for your child to use at school.



**Snack** - if you would like to donate £5 for this term towards extra snacks and cooking opportunities for the children please give it to your class Teacher.



### **Lunch**



All children get a **FREE** hot school dinner which is delicious!

We have a 3 week menu which is available on the website.

If your child chooses to have home packed lunch please ensure they do not have any **NUT** products in them, sweets or fizzy drinks. We also find that crisps take the children a long time to eat so we suggest leaving these out.



**Allergies** - if your child has any allergies please let the office/class teacher know. We often try new food at snack time so it is important for us to know **ANY** food your child is allergic to.

**Asthma Medication** - Please fill in a form if your child needs an asthma inhaler [and leave a spare inhaler in school] so that we can ensure they get the correct dose.



**Tapestry** - we will be setting this up in school during the first 2 weeks so please check your emails. If you have not received an email by 18<sup>th</sup> September please see Mrs Yates as soon as possible to check we have the correct details for you.

We use Tapestry as a Learning Journal and also put Home Learning on here on a Friday so please check regularly.

**Photos** - we use the online Learning Journal system called Tapestry which often has other children [no names] in the photos. We also put photos on the website and sometimes in the newspapers. If you do not wish your child to be in these photos please talk to your Class Teacher.



**Show and Tell** - We do love to see any certificates/ natural objects the children have BUT please leave your toys at home as we find they get damaged or lost at school which upsets the children.

### **Events In School - Please check the website regularly for information**

- please check notices on your child's classroom window for information about events.
- You will also receive Parentmail notifications from School giving you more information about events happening.

**THANK YOU** for all your support with this, we are looking forward to an exciting, fun and memorable year of learning at John Ray Infant School.

