



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Newbold Verdon Primary School and Reception. We hope that it is the beginning of a long and happy partnership.

We will regularly keep you updated with news and events on Tapestry and via Parentmail, but here is some information that you need to know at the start of term:

Staff:

Class teacher - Mrs Dewis, Mrs Cerone teaches on a Friday and alternate Thursdays

Teaching assistants- Mrs Colman, Mrs Portch, Mrs Levens

Settling in

Please feel free to stay with your child until 9.00am each morning to help them to settle in.

PE

PE will start in a few weeks once the children have settled in and will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Dance will take place on a Friday afternoon - this will start immediately.

Water Bottles

Please send your child with a named water bottle.

Reading Books

Your child will be given two books, one book for you to share, the other for them to read. Please read with your child every day and record this in their reading records which should be brought into school daily. Although most children will not yet be reading it would be fantastic if you could look at the books together. It is important that children know how to handle a book, understand which is the front and back cover and that we read from left to right. Please speak to a member of the team if you need any assistance or guidance. We will be holding weekly parent meetings at [2.50 pm](#) every Tuesday for the next four weeks. These will take place in the hall.

[12.09.22 - An introduction to Read Write Inc. phonics](#)

[19.09.22- Read Write Inc. phonics -Fred Talk](#)

[26.09.22 - Listening to your child read](#)

3.10.22 - Set 1 sounds

It would be lovely to see you there!

Little Star vouchers

The topics that we teach in the Foundation Stage are very much child-led and we aim to get to know the children very well- for this to happen we need your help! Please let us know of any significant achievements or interests within your child's life- no matter how small. Please write these on a Little Star voucher (attached) so that we have a record of this information and can display it in the classroom.

Tapestry

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children learn through play, exploration and practical activities. Ongoing assessment from all of the adults involved with your child helps to build an accurate picture of what they can do and what the next steps should be in their learning to ensure that they make progress and reach their full potential. We use Tapestry to document this information and we will upload photographs/videos, observations or samples of the children's work. It would be lovely if you could also use Tapestry to upload photographs of your child doing interesting activities - however small! We can then share these with the rest of the class.

Forest School

All of the children will be participating in Forest School and will also have continuous access to the outside area - whatever the weather. It would be great if you could provide your child with waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket as well as a pair of wellies that can be kept in school. Spare clothes are also useful if the children get muddy! Forest School will take place on a Friday morning once the children are settled into school.

We need your help!

We are collecting resources to make our outside learning area even more exciting! If you have any of these items we would love to make use of them!

- old pots and pans - for our mud kitchen and to make a musical wall
- utensils (spoons, whisks etc..) to make potions and recipes in the mud kitchen
- pipes, guttering, metal/plastic jugs, watering cans- to use in water play
- old sinks (metal or ceramic) or any other interesting objects to use as planters
- pallets, planks of wood, cable reels for construction and loose part play
- buttons, baskets, small world characters (e.g. figures, dinosaurs) cars (big or small)
- anything else you have that you think we could make use of!

We want both you and your child to have the best experience of our school and we will help in any way that we can to make this possible. Please feel free to talk to us at drop off and pick up times, message us on Tapestry or email us at: foundation@newboldverdon.leics.sch.uk

With very best wishes,

Mrs Dewis

