



# 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 Arbor but below you will find information that you need to know at the start of term.

## Staff:

Class Teachers - Mrs Dewis (Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Allcock (Wednesday- Friday)

Learning Support Assistant- Mrs Colman

## Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled and please check the uniform throughout the year to ensure that the label has not faded/washed off. We encourage the children to be independent and to be responsible for their own uniform and belongings.

## PE

Our PE lessons will start once the children have settled in and will take place on a Thursday afternoon. On Thursdays we ask that the children come into school in their school uniform ready for movement. The PE uniform is detailed on our school website. The PTA will provide PE bags for all of the children. PE kits **must** be worn on PE days as we do not have spare kit in school.

## Water Bottles

Please send your child with a named water bottle. We are a healthy school and encourage children to drink water rather than squash. We will encourage the children to drink throughout the day, they will also have milk (free to 4 year olds, or you can order on <https://payments.coolmilk.com>) and water at lunch time. Please also talk to your child about the importance of drinking throughout the day.

## Snacks

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are provided with free fruit every day. If you wish to send in an alternative snack we ask that you send in fruit or vegetables as we are a healthy school. We are a **nut and seed free** school.

## Reading Books

Your child will be given a 'share with me' book, this book is for you to read with them, however we are sure that you will have lots of books at home that you will share as well. 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 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 Phonic meetings for new parents and will advise you of the dates shortly. Once children can blend sounds together, they will bring home a reading book.

## 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 Monday once the children are settled into school. We will advise you when Forest School is starting.

## 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](mailto:foundation@newboldverdon.leics.sch.uk)

With very best wishes,

Mrs Dewis and Mrs Allcock

