



## Welcome to Reception

**Class Teachers:** Mrs Ellender | Mrs Ejgierd-Waring

**Learning Support Assistants:** Mrs Niven | Miss Holmes

Welcome to Reception. We are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some essential information with you:

### Phonics and Reading

- Children take part in daily Phonics and Shared Reading Sessions which follow the FFT Success for All Phonics Scheme.
- Children will bring home an FFT Shared Reader book linked to their current Phonics step - this book will be fully decodable and allows your child the opportunity to practise their phonics reading and comprehension skills with a familiar book.
- Children will also choose a Reception Library book which they can change each week.
- We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day.
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child.
- Your child's Reading books and Reading Record should be brought into school each day.

### Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact.
- One member of the team will be available on the door every morning and at the end of the school day.
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team, we are always happy to arrange a time for this via [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk).
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors.
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and January, with Learning Review Meetings in July.
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance.
- The Gorseley Weekly is sent out every Friday for your information.

### Practicalities

- Children are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack each day, together with milk until they are five.
- Children in Reception are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement. You are of course welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch. (Please ensure there are no nuts.)
- PE kit should be in school every day. It will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and then returned the following half term.
- Uniform remains the same as last year – [full guidance on this can be found here](#).

### Collection Arrangements

- Children will leave school from the Reception doors at home time and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them.
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection; this can be done on the door or through contacting the school office.

For more information please visit our website: <https://www.gorseybank.org.uk/>