

Reception Newsletter

A big welcome to Tudhoe Colliery Primary School! I hope you are all excited to start school and ready to have lots of fun. Please feel free to come and speak to any of the Early Years team with any questions or queries you may have.



Clothing

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will prevent them from getting lost or mixed up with other children's clothes. Any lost property will be put in a box in the staffroom.

P.E Kit

Your child requires a P.E bag containing a pair of shorts, t-shirt and P.E shoes (or light soled trainers). All of which should be named. PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon, if your child wears earrings they will need to be removed or tape should be provided.



Outdoor Area

We are very lucky to have an outdoor play area, which we will use every day. Please ensure your child brings a warm coat every day. Named hats, gloves and scarves can be worn in cold weather.

Medication



If your child has been prescribed medication you MUST fill in a form, which can be found on the school website or at the school office, and inform a member of the teaching team. We cannot administer any medication without written consent and instruction.

Word Wallets

Word wallets containing sounds and common words will be replenished regularly. Phonics and maths activities will be given as and when required, please share these with your child. If you are not sure about any aspect of homework, please ask.



Once reading books start going home, please try to spare 5/10 minutes to share your child's books with them at home and write a comment in their diary. Please try to keep books inside book bags. Books will be changed every Thursday.

**READING REWARDS
and certificates will
be given to children
who read at least 4
times a week!**





Fruit

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to receive fruit daily. We also have a snack station in our class for the children to enjoy throughout the day. Please tell a member of staff if your child has any allergies.

Home Time

Please collect your child from the main yard next to the Reception outdoor area.

Staff will accompany the children out of the gate at 3.15pm. If alternative arrangements have been made e.g. a relative or older sibling is collecting your child please let the school know in advance. If there is a problem and you are going to be late please telephone the school as soon as possible.



Water

Children are encouraged to bring a small, **named** water bottle to school every day. These should contain water and should be taken home every evening to be rinsed and refilled.



Money and returned letters



Occasionally you may need to send money or a reply slip/letter into school. Please do so in a named envelope and put it in the zip pocket of the red book bag. Red bags must be brought to school daily.

Topics

Our first topic this term will be 'All About Me', we will explore parts of the body, growth, senses, homes, families etc. We will also be introducing phonics this term.

Our second topic this term will be 'The Enchanted Forest' learning about different kinds of animals, habitats, minibeasts, light and dark etc. We will also be exploring Autumn and hopefully visiting Hardwick Park to explore the colours that appear in the park and handle a range of fruits, seeds and leaves.

Star of the week



Every Friday, one child will be chosen as 'Star of the Week' for good behaviour, good work, good manners or a special achievement. They will be able to choose a prize from our 'Prize Box' and bring home Monty, a cuddly penguin with a book. Please take photos or help your child draw a picture of something they have done with Monty over the weekend. You may also help them write about it. Please return Monty on **Monday** morning so they can share their news with the class.



If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at school. Feel free to pop in any time before or after school.

If I need to give you any further information I will send an additional letter.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher: Miss Gales

Head Teacher: Mr Smith

Class Support: Miss Liddell

Class Support (am): Miss Cottle

Class Support apprentice: Miss Brace