



Reedley Hallows Nursery School Newsletter September 2022



Message from Mrs Gordon, Headteacher

Welcome to Reedley Hallows Nursery School and our first newsletter of the year. For those of you who had children with us last year welcome back, I hope your children are settled in their new classes and are ready for another great year of learning. For those of you who are new to school, I hope that you are finding us to be warm and friendly and that you and your children are settling into new routines and are beginning to feel part of the Reedley Hallows family.

When I walk round school I see lots of happy faces from children enjoying their learning. It's early days yet, but the children are doing so well settling into new routines and making new friends, and any tears are becoming less frequent every day. Thank you for your support and patience whilst we get the children in and settled. If you have any questions about school, how your child is settling in or what they are learning, please come in and talk to us. I am usually on the gate when you are dropping your children off and am always happy to talk to you or answer any questions. A member of classroom staff is usually available to chat to you at the end of the session, if not please make an appointment for another time. A big thank you to our fantastic staff for their hard work and commitment to your children too!

Regards

Karen Gordon

ATTENDANCE

Attending school every day and on time is really important for your child. The teachers make sure that learning takes place every minute of every day, so if your child is absent or late they will be missing out on this learning and their progress at the end of the year will be affected. Children who are absent a lot, often struggle to make friends too.

If your child is too unwell to come into school, please let us know by reporting an absence on Weduc or on our answer machine.



It's really important that your child arrives at school on time too, as learning in the classrooms begins right away. School start times are 8:40am and 12:40pm. The gates remain open until 8:50am and 12:50pm, after that time the registers close and your child will be marked in as late.

CAR PARK

We are very lucky to have 2 car parks on Burnley Campus which can be used by staff, visitors and parents. In order to keep everyone safe in the car parks we need you all to follow a few simple rules:

- Please park in marked bays only - Lancashire County Council ask that spaces are reversed into for safety when driving out
- Please don't park in front of the barriers in the car park. This blocks the way for emergency vehicles and Holly Grove School minibuses. You will be asked to move.
- PLEASE keep your child safe in the car park too, by holding their hand, watching for cars and crossing at the zebra crossing.



HEALTHY EATING

We pride ourselves on being a healthy school and teach the children about healthy eating, oral health and exercise. We provide a range of healthy snacks at snack time, such as fruit, vegetables, crackers and breadsticks, along with milk or water to drink. We ask for your support in this too. Children are asked to bring water only if they have a water bottle, this includes drinks provided for children staying for lunch. We don't allow juice or fizzy drinks, these will be sent back home to you and your child will be provided with milk or water instead.

LIBRARY VISITS

Starting this week, nursery children will be visiting the campus library in keyworker groups. On the first visit the children will be shown around the library, listen to a story being read to them and will be given a special book to take home and keep. Following this visit, we will be inviting parents to join us on some of our library visits to share stories with your child, listen to stories being read aloud and you will also be able to join the library if you want to so that you can borrow books to take home to read with your child. We will send more information about days and times later.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to all who supported our coffee morning/afternoon on Friday, either by sending in cakes, coming into nursery to share activities with your child, buying cakes or donating generously to our collection. So far we have raised £315, which is amazing. There will be a display of photographs from the event in the main entrance opposite our office later this week – please come and have a look!

SCHOOL FUND/SHARING SNACK

Thank you for your donations to school fund so far this year. As you know, we ask for a weekly £2 donation to school fund from each child. This money helps us to provide activities that we wouldn't otherwise be able to do such as parties, gifts for Christmas and the end of the year, school visitors and trips, baking, special events and daily snack. We have a bucket out for donations when you drop your child off on a Friday. Alternatively, you can pay through Weduc simply by selecting the number of weeks that you want to pay for, or by making a bank transfer to our school account (details from the school office).

Tuesday is our fruit sharing day. Please send your child into school with some fruit that can be shared with their friends. Just one or two pieces of fruit is sufficient – the staff cut them up to share out. Thank you for your support in this – it really does make a difference in school!

RECEPTION PLACES

If your child will be 4 before the end of August they will start primary school in September. You will need to complete an online application before the 15th January to apply for a place. More information can be found here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/?page=10>

Most primary schools will welcome you in to have a look around, and some will be holding open days this term. If I get information about open days I will post something on Weduc and on the school website.

WEDUC

Hopefully you have all managed to activate your Weduc account and download the app. This is our main form of communication with parents, so it's really important that you have access to it. If you are struggling to get on Weduc, please call into the school office and someone will help you.

UNIFORM

We have had lots of good feedback about our school uniform and how nice it looks on the children. Of course, we don't insist that children wear school uniform but lots of parents like it because it saves you having to think about what your child wears each day and it means that you aren't worrying about lovely clothes from home being ruined by paint or glue! To place an order go to www.trutex.com and put in the code LEA01017SC



NAMES ON CLOTHING

Lots of children have similar clothing or uniform and unfortunately it can sometimes get lost or mixed up. Please ensure that your child's name is written in all of their clothing and footwear so that we know who to return it to. If your child takes home an item of clothing that doesn't belong to them, please return it to school the next day as another parent will be looking for it!