



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you back to another fantastic term! Thank you once again for all of your amazing efforts during the school closure. We are very proud of all of you! We really hope that from now on school and life will seem a little more “normal”. The children have already settled back into school routines and have really enjoyed meeting up and playing with all of their friends again. It has been lovely to see so many smiley faces back in school.

If have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,
Mrs Bristow

Topic

This half term our topics are life cycles, dinosaurs and traditional tales. The children will be exploring all areas of learning through this topic. In the second half of this term we would normally take part in a very exciting trip to Newbridge Farm. The Reception Team are currently looking into this to see if it would be possible, due to current guidelines and restrictions, for a fantastic treat for the children!



Sunhats and sun cream!

As the weather is getting warmer, please remember to bring a named sunhat into school and apply sun cream in the morning too. Those sharp showers can also catch us all out, so please can children bring a waterproof coat to school daily too.

Reading

We are now really encouraging independence with children changing their own reading and bedtime books.

Every child should be bringing a “bedtime book” home daily. This is a story book that can be shared with your child at bedtime and can be read by a grown up at home. Of course, if children want to read words from the story or recognise sounds too then that would be fantastic!

Some children are also now bringing home their own reading book home and reading record. This is a book that is suitable for their reading ability and a book they can read with a little support. Please write a comment into their reading diaries so we can see how the children have got on at home. Children can change these books on Mondays and Thursdays by placing their book and record into the reading trays by their class doors when they enter school in the mornings.



Session Times

School for Reception children starts at **8:50am** and finishes **2.50pm** (unless you are using a family time). We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. We would also like to remind you that school for Reception children finishes at **2.50pm** and children will not be released from class until this time.

Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school. Please Telephone **01568 616919**. You can also report absences through **Parent Mail**.

Please can we kindly remind you that if your child is showing any Covid-19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, or a loss or change sense of smell/taste) then they **must not** attend school. Please ensure you phone the school office to inform them.

Snacks

Healthy fruit and snacks are now being provided for children during school time and therefore there is no need to bring an extra snack in to school.



Reminders

PE days for children in Reception are as follows:

RJB – Monday and Friday

RPG – Tuesday and Friday

RSB – Wednesday and Friday

Please can your child wear their PE kit to school on these days. If your child wears earrings, please could we ask that you remove them on these days, if this is possible.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are **clearly labelled with your child's name**. This includes coats and lunch bags.



We recommend that your child has a purple school book bag. Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will hold their bedtime book (for you to share with your child at home), as well as any letters.

Home Learning

Should a child not be in school (possibly due to self-isolating) work packs are available on the class pages of the school website for them to complete.

<https://www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk/children/year-pages/year-r>

Should a bubble have to close, home learning will be moved to Tapestry.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 19 th April	Start of term
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Wednesday 21 st July	End of term

Many thanks,

The Reception Team