

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Reception - Elm Class

Mrs. Naomi Kabutey is the class teacher, we also have Natalie Parchment working with your children. We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays as a family in spite of the covid-19 uncertainties. We would like to thank you for choosing Franciscan School for your child's continuing education.

We hope the children are excited about the new beginning in their 'big class', and the expectations for learning and fun in Reception.

Our aim in reception is to build the children's self-esteem and self-confidence. Some of our learning in the Autumn term takes place through play and we operate an indoor and outdoor classroom.

Our topic for this first half term is "**Family and Friends**". We plan to have lots of fun talking about who is in our family and what we do with them as well as discussing animal families and friends.

We will be looking at various books including: 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', 'So Much', and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We encourage skills such as sharing and turn taking and have high standards for behaviour and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us at any time before or after school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Naomi Kabutey

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY DATES

September

WB 7th Secondary Transfer Power Point to be sent out

WB 14th Meet the Teacher video to be sent out

October

9th Harvest Assembly - Y1&2

WB 12th Parents Evening TBC

16th Diwali Assembly - Y3

23rd Inset Day - School Closed to pupils

26th - 30th Oct HALF TERM

November

2nd School open to pupils

WB 16th Anti-bullying Week

December

Christmas concerts dates TBC

18th End of term (own clothes day) 2pm finish

Letters and Sounds

We have started the year by revisiting phase 2 sounds. We will be covering the phonemes "s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d" before moving onto set 3, 4 and 5. Please encourage your child to write their names and to use their knowledge of the letter sounds to form, blend and sound out letters/words.

PE/Dance

It is very important that your children are dressed appropriately for P.E. and Dance. They will need: blue shorts or jogging bottoms (leggings for dance), red T-shirt and trainers/plimsols. Please can you make sure that all items of your children's clothing are clearly labelled with their name.

- PE and Dance take place on Fridays

PATHS

These are circle time activities to encourage children to be of good behavior, to understand and adhere to class rules and to learn the skills of conflict resolution through communication and negotiation.

HOMEWORK

Your child will be bringing home a levelled reading book and a reading record book. Please look after these books and read with your child every day. We will change the books regularly and ask you to comment whenever you read at home with your child.

How you can help you child

In the mornings we have a lovely time, sharing news and finding out what activities will be taking place throughout the day.

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at 8.45am to take part in this whole class activity.

We encourage children to be independent -

- By getting changed for PE and Dance
- Using the toilet and remembering to wash their hands and use hand sanitizers as necessary.
- To be able to feed themselves.