

Reception Newsletter September 2020

Hello!

We have had a brilliant start to the year. All the children are happy and settled and are quickly getting used to our routines.

I would be glad if you consider the following points.

Book bags

Please could you make sure that your child has a book bag in school? These can be bought from the school office. If your child had one in nursery, please make sure that it is in school. I realise we might already have some.

Helping at home

Reading

Your child will bring home a different library book on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please read through this book with your child, discussing the pictures and story. Books will be changed twice each week, but book bags should be returned every day. Children gain a great deal from hearing a story several times and will often begin to learn to read in this way so please try to read with your child each day.



Unfortunately, I am unable to hold meetings in school at the moment, but I will be using 'seesaw' to communicate with you, explaining how reading, writing and maths are taught as well as suggesting activities for you to do with your children to support them.

Writing

Before children are able to write they need to develop the muscles in their hands and hold their pencil correctly. Please encourage your child to draw and write on a regular basis. This works better when you sit with them. Provide them with a selection of felt tip pens and a

blank pad and ask them to draw. Sometimes you might need to make a suggestion. Show them how to hold the pen using 3 fingers near the tip.



Do not worry if their drawing isn't perfect. You can help them draw circles and shapes if they just tend to scribble.

When they have finished, ask them to tell you about their drawing and write down what they say. Read what you have written back to them.

Some children are able to recognise their names and many of them are attempting to write them. Please encourage your child to write their name with a capital letter at the beginning followed by lower case letters. There is an example stapled to this letter which they can copy. You may have to point to each letter at first. Don't worry if your child doesn't seem to be able to do this just yet – they will do it before the end of Reception.

Maths

We will be doing lots of counting at school. First of all to 10 and then to 20. Please do lots of counting with your child. Count how many chips they have on their plate, how many cars in your street, how many flowers on a bush – the list is endless. Help them to touch each object as they say the number.

Also play simple dice games like snakes and ladders or frustration and help them to recognise the dice patterns before moving their counter.



If you have any questions, you can see me at 3.15 or contact me on seesaw or by email turnerc@st-ethelberts.bolton.sch

Learning Journeys

Each child has a Learning Journey through which we keep track of their progress. As a parent, you are aware of your child's interests and strengths. We would love to include your contributions in the learning journeys and so welcome any photographs, certificates or comments. At the bottom of this letter there is a slip on which you can write your comments.

Best wishes

Catherine, Gill and Kath

Please tell us what your child is good at and what you think he or she should learn next. Photos would be very welcome.

Child's name _____ Date _____