

Owl class information for parents – Autumn 2017



Welcome to Owl class:

The children have settled really well into their new class, and have enjoyed exploring our fantastic, large classroom. The class is taught by Mrs Kirk on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings, and Mrs Mundford on Thursdays and Fridays. We also welcome Miss Bainbridge to our school. She is our Trust SENDCO and will also be teaching Owl class on Wednesday afternoon and for PE on Fridays. We have two teaching assistants in Owl class, Mrs Woodcock and Miss Neave. We have an open door policy in our school and if you have any questions, or anything you would like to discuss with us then please come and speak to us; if we can't speak to you immediately then we will make a time to do so as soon as we can.

Show and Tell:

The children can bring things in for Show and Tell each Friday. This is a valuable way for the children to develop confidence when speaking to a group. The objects they wish to talk about should be brought in in a bag which is clearly labelled with their name. Try not to bring anything which is valuable to school, and please remember that devices such as iPads or iPods are not allowed.

Forest schools: Owl class will take part in Forest School and other outdoor learning sessions during the term. Please ensure that your child has a named pair of wellies and a warm coat in school at all times.

Parent reading: This term, parent reading sessions will take place on **Tuesday mornings**. Please bring your child to the class door as you would normally do and then go to the school office and wait for us to welcome you to the class.

PE: PE takes place on Wednesday and Friday. Your child's PE kit should be in school all week, with every item labelled with their name.

Reading books and home/ school message book: We encourage every child to read daily at home. We will aim to change their reading book as soon as it has been read at home so it is really useful for us if you write about your child's reading at home. Your child will also have the chance to choose a book from our well stocked school library every week; please make sure their school library book is kept in their book bag and returned to school every day.

Homework: Reception have a homework sheet from which they can choose activities to complete as they wish. This will be marked on a Friday and handed back for the weekend. Year One will have homework set each week. It will be sent home on Wednesdays and we expect it to be returned the following Tuesday.

Class Pet: Class pets are beneficial in teaching the children care and compassion, and are a great learning experience for a class. We have Cocoa the hamster who lives in our classroom. Attached is a form to complete if you would like Cocoa to visit your home for the weekend or for a school holiday. He comes with all the food and bedding he needs, and is very tame.

We look forward to working with you,

The Owl Class Team

I am happy to take the hamster home for:

Weekends

School holidays

Once

More than once

Other comments:

Name of child:

Parent signature: