Welcome to Sheringham Community Primary School



General Information

The aim of this booklet is to give you and your child information about starting school at Sheringham.

We hope that your child will be happy at school and enjoy learning with us.

Head Teacher: Mrs Rachael Carter

Deputy Head Teacher: Mr Jonathan Amies

Leadership Team: Mrs Jen Tupper,
Mrs Gemma Keogh,
Mrs Catherine Wall

Head of Early Years: Mrs Gemma Keogh

The Team

Class RK Teacher: Mrs Gemma Keogh

Class RS Teacher: Mrs Simone Stoppani

The Den Class Teacher : Miss Fabiana Perkins

The Team



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School times:

Reception and KS1	8.50am - 12.00
	13.00 - 15.20
KS2	8.45- 12.00
	13.00 - 15.15

Paper work

Prior to your child starting school in September, please can you return the paperwork booklet that is in your pack by Friday 26th June, ready for the first transition afternoon.

Healthy Snacks

In Reception we have a snack bar which is open for periods of the day. The children are able to have a drink and a healthy snack. The children are provided with one piece of fruit or vegetable each day which follows a pre-set rota. However if your child does not like the snack offered on a certain day you are welcome to provide them with an alternative fruit or vegetable snack in a named container.

Drinks

Your child will be provided with a free cup of milk. If your child does not like milk then they are very welcome to bring some water in a named plastic bottle or flask (no squash or fizzy drinks please). Please make sure it is a drinks bottle that they can open and close by themselves.



Lunch time

When your child starts full-time in Reception they will have a free hot meal at lunchtime. They will join their friends in the canteen and eat together. If they do not like the hot dinner that is available then they may bring a packed lunch from home. We encourage all children to give the hot dinners a try at first.

If you are entitled to an income related free school meal, you still need to complete the free school meals application form that is in your pack. For each child registered, the school receives £1500 so it is imperative that you return the form if you qualify.





Absences

In order for your child to get the best out of their time at school it is really important that they attend regularly and get to school on time, unless for any reason the absence is unavoidable.

If your child is unable to attend school, you must contact the school on the morning of the absence and speak to a member of staff or send a message via Parentmail.

If your child is attending a medical appointment, please provide the class teacher with a copy of the appointment card. Please try and book appointments outside of the school day or in the holidays where possible.

Holidays

Please note that there is no automatic entitlement to time off in school time to go on holiday. Following an amendment by the government to the schools attendance regulations, Head Teachers may no longer grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Buses

Several buses bring and collect children from school. We prefer that the Reception children do not travel on the bus initially unless there is no alternative. Once the children have settled into school and are used to the routine then you are very welcome to use the bus.

School dress

We ask that you send your child in appropriate school dress:

- Navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Sensible black shoes
- For the summer a blue and white checked dress or grey shorts.
- Wellies for outdoor play in all weathers.

Please name all items of clothing, especially jumpers and shoes.



We will do our best to make sure your children's clothes are protected when playing but accidents do happen and we hope that you will understand as playing can be very messy business!

PE & Music

On one afternoon a week your child will have a PE lesson with Miss Parish and Music with Mrs Holness. We think this will be a Tuesday but we will confirm nearer the time.
On that day please send your child into school dressed in their PE kit e.g.
Navy or black jogging bottoms or leggings with trainers.
They will still need to wear a normal school t-shirt and jumper.
All jewellery will need to be removed on PE days.

Uniform













Fleece Jacket



Sweatshirt



Polo Shirt (Primary School)

PE kit







Sweatshirt

Summary for first half term.

These are the dates for the start of the Autumn term.

Date	Arrangements
Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th September	School visits available. (Please see School visit card in packs with time and date on it.)
Monday 7th September	All children are full time 8.50 - 15.20
We finish for the half term on Thursday 22nd October	

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

In Reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Within the Learning and Development requirements, it identifies three Prime Areas which are:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Physical Development
Communication and Language

And four Specific Areas which are:

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design

We aim to enable your child to learn through play and exploration, active learning and through creativity and critical thinking. These Characteristics of Effective Learning play a vital role in your child's life long learning.
We want your child to be engaged and motivated and able to think for themselves. We will value and respect your child as a unique child and support and encourage them in their journey through Reception.

Observations and Assessments

Throughout the year your child will be observed as part of normal classroom activities. The purpose of these observations is to monitor your child's progress in order to plan their next learning steps. We will discuss your child's progress with you periodically throughout the year and at the end of the year you will receive a report.

Learning Journals

When your child starts school they will have a Learning Journal. The Learning Journal will include photographs and observations of your child at school. We use an online Learning Journal called Tapestry. Each child will have their own personal account which you will be able to access at home via your computer, tablet or smart phone. Each time an observation is made of your child at school, you will receive an email telling you about it. You will also be able to upload your own videos and photos of things you do together as a family and comment on any observations you see from school. If your child already has a Tapestry account at their Nursery, it will be transferred to school in September.

Outdoor Play

We believe that playing outdoors is essential for young children, not just for their growing bodies but for the development of their minds too. Outside they have opportunities for investigation, exploration, for creative experiences, for working together in imaginative play, for sharing and co-operation.
We spend a lot of time outside each day so we have some waterproof suits so that the children can go outside in all weathers.

However, we do ask that you provide your child with a pair of named wellies and a raincoat to keep at school.









Literacy

In Reception and Key Stage 1 we use a Phonics programme called Read Write Inc.
Read Write Inc has 3 key learning areas:

Reading

- The children learn the 44 sounds in our language and their corresponding letters/letter groups
- The children learn to read words by blending the sounds
- Children will read lively stories featuring words they have learnt.

Writing

- Children learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds
- Children learn to write words by saying the sounds and blending them.

Speaking and Listening

- Much of Read Write Inc includes speaking and listening activities.
- Children work regularly in pairs to take turns talking and to practice an activity with the partner.

Reading with your child

If your child already has a book bag, please bring it to school on their first day or alternatively you can purchase one online from the uniform shop. Your child will be able to choose a book to take home every day if they wish. We welcome any comments in his/her reading record book.

Helping your child at home

Below are some ideas of how you might help your child at home prior to them starting school.

- Talk to them and discuss their questions.
- Encourage them to concentrate on activities for more than just a few moments.
- Play games together to encourage them to share, join in activities and take turns.
- Read and talk about books with them, and encourage them to look at books by themselves. Once children can retell stories themselves, they may be able to find words they recognise.
- Give them plenty of opportunity to use pencils, crayons and scissors.
- Introduce your child to as many new words as possible.
- Help them to count and use numbers in everyday situations (e.g. when out shopping and playing games).
- Encourage your child to dress and undress him/ herself and do up their own coats.
- Encourage them to be independent when using the toilet.

Change of clothing

Accidents sometimes happen and if they do we may need to change your child at school. If they come home in school clothes, we would appreciate them being washed and returned as soon as possible. It would be really helpful if you are able to provide your child with a spare set of clothes to keep on their peg (e.g. jogging bottoms, pants, socks).

Bumped heads

It is county policy that parents are contacted whenever a child bumps their head at school, however minor the bump may be. We will call you or leave a message so you can make the decision as to whether they should remain in school.

Questions and problems

If there are any questions or problems you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, we will always be pleased to help. You can contact us on our email address…
reception@sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk