



A very warm welcome to Term 1 in Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to all our new starters to Brooke Hill Academy! It has been a busy start to term with all the children visiting and enjoying their new classes. The children have settled well and are ready to begin their adventure with us. Please find below some of the key information for this term.



Our theme this term is **'All about me'**. We will be talking about ourselves, our school, our families, our emotions, learning how we are the same and different from others as well as looking at our bodies and how we can keep healthy. We will also be having daily phonics and maths lessons.

We spend a lot of time in class reading and sharing stories and as a school we love to promote reading for pleasure. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could send in a photo of you sharing a story with your child for a display in the class.

During the weeks ahead, your child will spend some time having tours of the school, the outdoor areas and will become familiar with the rest of the school staff. We will also soon have the help of some of the year 5 and 6 children who have volunteered to be 'Reception Rangers'. This involves playing and helping every lunchtime with the reception children and it is a great opportunity for the oldest children to get to know our youngest.

PE will take place in Mrs Gipson's class on a Tuesday and a Thursday and in Miss Lawe's class on a Monday and a Thursday. These could change due to hall and astroturf timetabling, so please can PE kits

stay in school for the duration of the term in a named bag. We will help the children to get changed for PE in school time so please come to school in normal uniform. As one of the sessions will be outside, please provide a pair of black jogging bottoms/leggings and a sweatshirt for when the weather is colder.

Phonics Information Session

We would like to invite you to school on Wednesday 27th September at 9.15am to explain how phonics will be taught in both Reception and Key Stage 1. There will be a short presentation in the hall and then an opportunity to view materials we use, to ask staff questions and to see a short phonics session in action. We look forward to seeing you there.

General reminders

We would appreciate it if you could send in spare clothes and wellies for your child to keep at school. We ask that all clothing and shoes are clearly labelled. The children need to bring in a named water bottle each day. If you would like your child to have milk, please register online at www.coolmilk.com. This is free to all children under 5 and available at a small cost for those 5 and over.

We will be using Tapestry to create your child's Learning Journey so please look out for an activation email. If you have not received one, please speak to Mrs Gipson. You are all very welcome to post photos and videos of any "wow moments" that your child might have at home on Tapestry as we would love to see them and talk to your child about them. Also remember to check the school website, Facebook and Twitter feed for information about events that are taking place in school and check your child's book bag for any up-to-date information.

Every child in Reception is entitled to a free school lunch, please ensure you have told us about any dietary requirements or allergies.

Finally, our hours for this term are **8.45am to 3.30pm**. As we are encouraging independence, we would appreciate it if you said goodbye to your child at the door. Staff will ensure your child is happy and settled and will contact you if necessary.

Please feel free to come and chat to the EYFS team about any concerns you might have; we are always here to listen! We are looking forward to a busy and fun first term!

The Reception Team