

# Welcome to West Hampstead Primary School!

## RECEPTION INFORMATION MEETING

12th July 2022



# Reception and Nursery make up the EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

There are four guiding principles shape practice in EYFS:

- Every child is a **unique child**, who can be resilient, capable and self-assured
- Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**;
- Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**;
- Children **develop and learn** in different ways and at different rates.

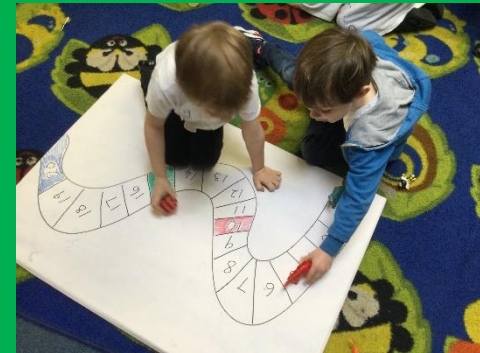


# EYFS framework

Throughout the year, we will plan to help the children make progress across seven areas of learning.

## 3 Prime areas:

- Personal, Social, Emotional Development.
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development



## 4 Specific areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Art and Design



# Developing Skills and Attitudes

I can ask for help if I need it

I can play with others

I can have a go at something new

I can understand how others feel

I can think of my own ideas that I'd like to try

I can keep trying until I can do it



# ORGANISATION

There are two Reception Classes

Each class has one teacher and one early years teaching assistant

Avon Class:

Jenny Armson

Berni Quirke

Lily Class:

Dan Woodroffe

Maxine Lee

- Teachers have half a day planning time when they are not with the class
- PE – [Hayden Thomas](#)
- Art – [Micaela Schafer](#)

EYFS phase leader [Karen Filiz](#) (Assistant Head and SENCO)



# A Day in Reception

- 8.50 Doors open.
- School starts at 9:00am!!
- You are invited to stay and settle your child on their first day with an activity until about 9:15am.
- 9.30 Carpet time
- 9.45 Continuous provision
  - Learning through play indoors and outdoors
  - A mixture of child initiated and adult led activities
  - Fruit time during the morning
- 11.15 Carpet time – phonics lesson.
- 12 noon is lunchtime the children eat in the dining hall.
- Children may choose to have school dinner or packed lunch



- 1.30 Guided reading groups/Carpet time – Maths
- 1.45 Continuous provision
- 3.00 Story and singing
- 3.20 Home time



# OUR JOURNEY WITH YOU

- Sample Day/Home Visits
- Daily contact and informal discussions
- Please make an after school appointment to speak to us if you have any concerns
- Two parents' evenings – Autumn & Spring
- Written report in July
- Portfolios and WOW cards
- Reading Records
- Letters and updates in book bags
- Website



# What Your Child Needs

- Ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch.
- No fizzy drinks, chocolates or sweets please.
- Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor play (suitable for the weather) and easy to manage independently when using the toilet.
- **Label** all your child's clothing!!
- Please bring a **spare change of clothes** to keep a named bag which can be kept on your child's peg and a **labelled water bottle**
- Please bring your child's **book bag** every day or when you have finished sharing the story
- Book bags are available from the office - £5.50





# HOME VISITS



- The aim of a home visit is to establish a trusting, friendly and close liaison with the family prior to the child starting school and to make the transition from home to school as smooth as possible.
- Home visits from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Key dates are written on the front of your Welcome Pack**
- Two members of staff, scheduled for roughly 20 minutes Staff may arrive ten minutes or so around the scheduled time

# KEY DATES

- Sample visit on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 11:00-12:00am and 2:00 -3:00pm
- Home visits from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- Staggered start dates, oldest children start first from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- **Staggered start dates** from 12<sup>th</sup> September to allow children to settle and have a positive first experience of school
  - Adults are able to give each group of children the attention they deserve at this important time

## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

- If your child is unwell-please call the office (020 7435 8646) by 9.30am
- Please make appointments outside school time. If your child has an unavoidable appointment, please bring the card/letter to the office.
- Call the office every day your child is absent.
- Children who arrive after 9:05 a.m. are recorded as late, after 9:30 is recorded as unauthorised absence.
- Please arrive on time to collect your child at 3:20pm and inform us if anyone other than you will be collecting your child

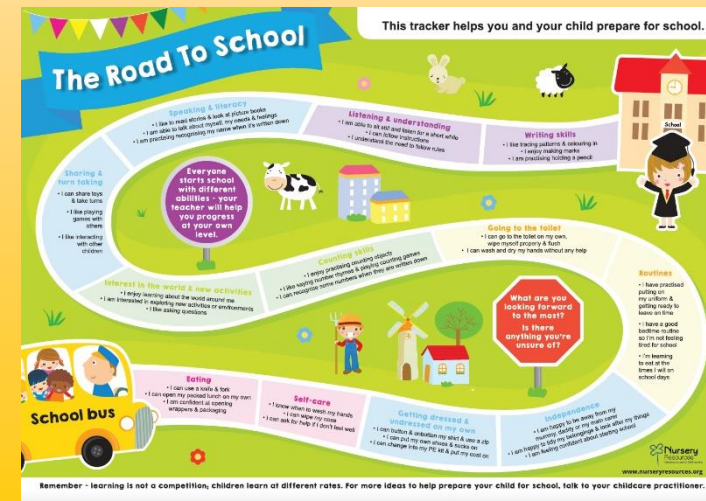


# Payments and Funding

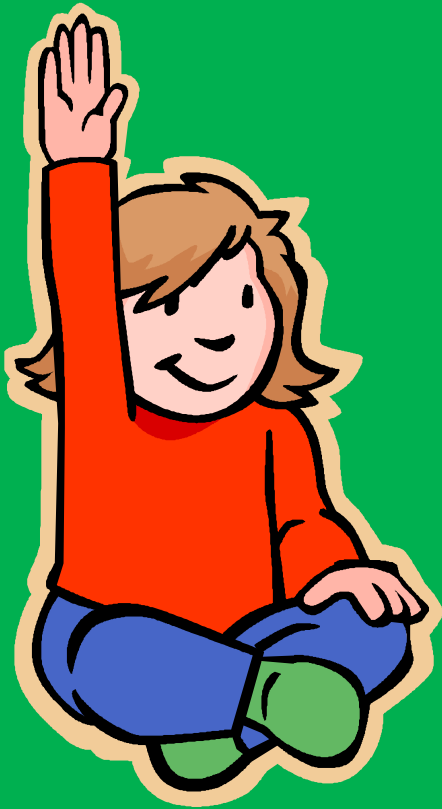
The school office will contact you over the next week to discuss funding and on line payments.

# How to Help Your Child at Home

- Good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast
- Toilet training.
- Encourage your child to put on their own shoes and coats.
- Encourage your child to use cutlery and feed themselves.
- Reading stories with your child every day.
- Practise name recognition and writing (lower case please!)



Any questions?



**See you at  
sample day!**

Thank you for coming!



Welcome to the  
Parent Staff Association

# The PSA Committee



## What we do



Organise events  
for the kids



Reach out to  
local businesses



Raise funds for  
our kids



Connect parents



Everything with  
a smile



Fun activities for  
the kids

## Why?



Builds stronger  
community



It's social



Gives us a  
voice



Extra spending  
for our kids



Learning new  
skills



For the kids!



# We build our school community and raise money for our kids



**£40k**

raised over  
the last 10 years

Laptops



Books



School trips



Teaching kitchen



Reading area



Chromebooks



Equipment



Pantomime tickets



# Class representatives



We ask for a parent or two from each class to join the class rep team.

## Class reps role:

- Point of contact for parents/carers
- Building the Year Group (class) communities
- Provide reminders of upcoming school and PSA events
- Passing comments and suggestions from other parents to PSA and school
- Support decision making – eg how to allocate funds raised
- To enlist any support needed for school fundraising events

Email [WestHampsteadPSA@gmail.com](mailto:WestHampsteadPSA@gmail.com) to inquire about becoming a class rep.



