

Dear Parents

Welcome to Reception Class! We would like to begin by saying a huge well do to the children for a fantastic first week at school. They have settled in well and are already beginning to get used to class and school routines. Throughout the week they have had the opportunity to explore the classroom, inside and out, and are becoming more confident at choosing activities and resources.

One of our daily routines is snack time. The children are provided with a piece of fruit from the free fruit scheme, and this can vary depending on what is delivered. For those children who may want to bring a snack from home, we would encourage it to fit with our healthy school scheme so a piece of fresh or dried fruit (eg banana chips/raisins) would be preferred.

Part of the settling in process has involved the class meeting their Buddies. Over the Summer Holidays the Year Six children worked really hard on creating story bags and on Wednesday afternoon they came across to share them with the Class. It was lovely to see them interacting and enjoying all the different story props. The story bags have been kindly donated to us for the children to enjoy in the future.



The Buddy system is a fantastic scheme for helping the children to settle into school especially at playtimes. Throughout the year the children meet with their buddies to complete various activities and it is always lovely to see the special bond they build.

Even in this short week the children have been very busy and we continuously like to share with you what they have been doing. Therefore we will be hosting a slideshow of photographs next **Friday 14th September 3pm**, we look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you to children and parents for the brilliant homework and I am Special Booklets. They have really given us a wonderful insight into your child and they are invaluable for us getting to know them.

Today we have sent home a wordless reading book to share with your child inside a phonics folder. There are some tips and guidance on how to use this style of book with your child along with a set of character cards so the children can begin to learn the names and use them to tell the story. The phonics folder will contain the daily letter sounds we cover in phonics which we will begin teaching after next week. It is helpful if the folder can be in your child's bag each day so we can access it as and when necessary.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us either at the start or end of the school day or phone and email. Our email addresses: e.copeland@anle.n-yorks.sch.uk or s.mccarthy@anle.n-yorks.sch.uk

A really fantastic first week at school Reception Class! Well done and have a good rest ready for Monday!

Mrs Copeland and Mrs McCarthy

Notes

- Please could we ask that all children have a **labelled pair of wellies** at school for use in the sandpit and the mud kitchen. Children do not need to have a separate pair of indoor shoes.
- It would also be helpful for all children to come with a labelled water bottle, as they can get very thirsty throughout the day. **Please can we ask that only water is put into the bottle.**
- PE sessions will be on Friday mornings and our first session will be next Friday 14th, so could each child bring their PE kit for then (**white t-shirt and black short**). As these sessions will be in the hall this term they do not need PE shoes we will do it in bare feet.
- Finally, we would like to invite you in on **Friday 14th September 3pm**, if you can make it, to come and view a slideshow of photographs showing what has been happening in class since starting school.