



Bishop's Tachbrook C of E Primary School

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Information for new parents of the September 2020 Reception class



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Welcome to Bishop's Tachbrook C of E Primary School

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Thank you for coming along to our welcome meeting; we hope you have enjoyed hearing all about our school. We are looking forward to your child starting with us in September with lots of exciting times ahead!

This leaflet provides a short summary of the items discussed at the meeting for ease of reference, however if you have any further queries, no matter how small, please do check the school website or call the school office over the coming weeks (01926 426020).

With many thanks,

Mrs Emma Brain	Reception Teacher
Mrs Gillian Robiquet	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Cathryn Kilbey	Head Teacher (from Sept 2020)

Before September:

Our Reception staff will be 'virtually' in touch to introduce themselves to the children. Welcome messages and stories will be posted on the website so that children can become familiar with the faces they will see in September.

Starting in September: This is our intended plan assuming all pupils are allowed to return to school full time in September 2020. Should this have to change because of Government Guidance we will let you know on the website and via text.

Our Reception class intake is always staggered and part-time for the first part of term. The reason for this is to enable the children to settle in gradually, to learn how to be independent and to let them get to know the staff, routines and surroundings. When plans for the return to school for all pupils have been confirmed, you will receive a letter informing you of your child's start date. Tuesday 1st September 2020 will be staff training (INSET) days and the intake will be as follows:

- ❖ During the first week of September, we will hold 'Teddy Bear Picnics' for small groups of children. Your child will attend an hour and a half session, during which they will get to meet and play with some new friends and become familiar with the staff and their new classroom. You will be notified of the date and time of your child's session in your starting date letter. Come along to the wooden gate, following the path to the Reception classroom where we will meet you. Collection will be from the grey doors at the side of the Reception classroom. All they need to do is bring along their favourite teddy and a sun hat if the weather is nice. We will explore our classroom before playing some games and enjoying a snack with class friends and teddies. School uniform will not be need for this session.

- ❖ Starting on **Monday 7th September 2020 school hours will be 8.45am-midday**, we will build up to a full class by introducing a smaller group of children each morning, and as mentioned above the letter will include which day your child starts.
- ❖ On the morning your child starts school, please arrive at **8:30am**. This will give us time to speak with you and your child who will be starting for the very first time.
- ❖ From **Monday 14th September** all children will be in until 1.00pm - this will include lunch. School lunch is free and cooked on site. We strongly recommend your child takes advantage of these free meals. Menu is on website at top of homepage
- ❖ From **Monday 21st September**, All pupils in ALL day long

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‘Magical Me’ Bags

At the ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’ in September your child will be given a ‘*Magical Me*’ bag to fill and bring to school on their first day. This is a bag for you to decorate and to fill with items that your child can talk about. More information will be provided with the bag.

Induction meetings

During the first couple of weeks in school there will be an opportunity for you to meet with Mrs Brain to discuss your child. These meetings give you the opportunity to tell us about your child’s interests, strengths and highlight any concerns you or your child may have. Details on how to book a session will follow in September. Should you have any immediate concerns, please do contact school.

The curriculum

Children in Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework. The curriculum is based on 7 areas of learning, covering **3 prime areas**: *Personal Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language* and **4 specific areas**: *Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding The World and Expressive and Creative Arts*. The children are also supported to develop **Characteristics of Effective Learning**, focusing on *play and exploration; active learning and creating and thinking critically*. We look forward to building strong relationships with your child and you as their family in order to support their development both at school and at home. We also love to hear about what your child enjoys to do and what their current interests are, as we use this to help plan topics and their next steps in learning.

Things to do before term starts

- Pre-admission information: please complete all the forms which you should have already received and return to the school office e.g. medical forms, application for pupil premium etc.
- School bus: if you may require the school bus service or wish to find out if you are in the catchment area, please contact County Transport on 01926 410410.
- School uniform & PE kit: can be bought from *Chez Rama* or [via our school website link \(myclothing.com\)](http://myclothing.com)
 - ▶ School uniform: Green badged jumper/cardigan, badged green or white polo T-shirt, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress, black school shoes, green coat.
 - ▶ PE kit: to be kept at school in a named bag with the following items - white T-shirt, white shorts, black pumps and black jogging bottoms/leggings. Please could your child have their PE bag in school by the end of the third week of term (I will send a reminder soon after we start).
 - ▶ [Name all personal belongings: the PTA have recommended these websites for buying good reliable labels:](#) please see our SCHOOL UNIFORM page on the school website- (enter our school code 2063 when purchasing).

Other information

- Pick up policy: please inform the office and teaching staff about who will be collecting your child on a regular basis and do let us know if there is a change to this pick-up routine.
- Please encourage independence at any opportunity, teaching skills such as zipping up coats, turning clothes the correct way, putting on socks/tights etc.
- Ensure your child has a **small, clear plastic, NAMED re-useable water bottle** in school every day.
- Healthy schools: your child will be provided with free fresh fruit every day however they are also welcome to bring their own fresh or dried fruit.
- Free milk: your child is entitled to free milk until they reach the age of five and are automatically registered for this by the school. If you would like to pay for the milk after their 5th birthday please contact the milk company at www.coolmilk.com.
- Our school website: please visit our school website to find out more about the school and upcoming events www.btschool.co.uk
- Read more about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum at www.foundationyears.org.uk/parents/

Reception Staff Team September 2020

- **Mrs Emma Brain**
(Class Teacher)

- **Mrs Gillian Robiquet**
(Teaching Assistant- all day)

The Class will, on alternate Wednesday and Friday afternoons, be taught by our teachers from the KS1 team:

Mrs Kate Dixon and Mrs Nikki Rhodes

Please see www.btschool.co.uk for photos of the staff.

(You can find these with your children in the About Us/ Who's who section).