



# John Donne Primary School

Woods Road, Peckham, SE15 2SW

Thursday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to Reception!

Welcome to our families, we hope you have settled in well and have adapted to the new classes and routines. Please see below for the information for the term and year ahead.

Our focus this term is settling and learning all about ourselves and each other. We will be exploring children as individuals, their likes and dislikes and about the people around them. To support this we ask if children can bring in pictures of their families and photos of their favourite things or activities, e.g. a picture of a toy they enjoy playing with or of them baking or playing in the park.

This year, we have a number of adults working across the two Reception classes. In Green Reception we have Miss Ghai, Mr Crane and Miss Smart. In Red Reception we have Ms Brown and Mrs Collymore. We also have additional support across the year group from Ms Delgado and Mrs Ankrah.

This term in Literacy, the children will explore stories, songs and rhymes linked into our topic. As you may have heard, we are following the phonics program called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, where children learn letters and sounds to help them read and write. This term we will be focusing on developing children's confidence in understanding the sounds letters make and being able to blend the sounds together to read a word.

In Numeracy, our focus is on developing a secure understanding of numbers. We will work with numbers in a variety of ways to develop children's confidence in knowing what numbers mean, building the foundations of strong mathematical understanding.



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### **Book Bags:**

Each child has been provided with a book bag and children are now coming home with a book. These books have been chosen by your child to share with you. Please note that children are not expected to read these books alone but are books to be read to them and for you to enjoy together. We ask that the children bring in their book bags **every day with the books inside.** Their book will be changed once a week with each child. Please leave a short comment in your child's Reading Record Book once you have read the book to your child so we know it has been read and is ready to be changed. We ask that you check your child's book bag each day for letters and notices. If your book bag is lost, then a replacement bag will need to be bought from the school office.

### **Lunchtime**

The children eat lunch in the Sunshine Room. The lunchtime menu works on a 3 week rota and can be found on the school website. Do feel free to have a look each day and talk to your child about what they will be having for lunch.

### **P.E Kit:**

We do not have a designated PE lesson in Early Years because the children's day is already so active. There is no need for your child to have a separate PE kit. However, please do make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear to run around and have fun on the apparatus in our outside area. We also ask that you provide your child with a spare pair of clothes to keep on their peg as accidents do happen from time to time! Please ensure all of your child's items of clothing are labelled with their name and that shoes do not have laces.

### **Outdoors for Early Years:**

As part of our Early Years Curriculum the outdoors is another classroom, it is important that your child has appropriate and warm clothing- a coat, hat, gloves and a scarf for the colder days in Winter and as we're now in Autumn a good coat for the rain and boots or wellington boots would be useful as we explore outdoors to develop each child's learning.

### **Meet the Team Meeting:**

We will be having our Meet the Team meeting on Thursday 2nd November at 8:45. In this meeting we will be sharing information about the school and Reception and the children's learning. You will also have a chance to meet the team and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there and please feel free to come and talk to your class teacher before or after school if you have any other queries or concerns.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team