



EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to EYFS



It was great meeting you all at the induction meetings last week and we have enjoyed helping your child settle over the last few days. Remember to try and let your child be as independent as they can be during drop off as this helps them settle much quicker. They must be brought to the classroom door now as they start full time between **8.45am and 8.55am** where they will be greeted by either myself or Miss McDonnell. Please enter the school grounds through the front gate by the school field. This is also the way you come to collect your child at the end of the day. We begin dismissing at **3.10pm**.

There is so much to take in during these first few weeks, both for you as parents and for the children. Please read the school newsletter from Mrs Kelsey each week to ensure you're up to date with important information and school events. The letters go out electronically each week so please be sure the school office always has your up-to-date email. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Pilkington in the office.

Our topic this half term is **Marvellous Me** and we will be learning about ourselves and our families, people in our school and wider community. Daily, we will be exploring themes such as self-awareness, health and hygiene, feelings, friendships and healthy choices during our PHSE Snack and Chat sessions. We start our PE, maths, English and phonics sessions too.

Clifton Core Values:

We pride ourselves on our 6 Clifton Core Values, also known as the 6 Rs. They are:

- Respect • Resilience • Resourcefulness • Reflectiveness • Responsibility • Relationships

Whilst many of these values are quite difficult to understand, we teach the children about the meaning of them through everyday teaching and learning, particularly during our Snack and Chat sessions. The children will be rewarded for their demonstration of them in and around school with pride stickers and each week I choose one child to receive our class Pride certificate and attend the Pride tea party with Mrs Kelsey! Please support us in encouraging these values at home too.

Magic Moments:

We will soon be sending your child home with some magic moment leaves. These provide you with an opportunity to tell us about anything amazing your child does at home or out and about that really impresses you as they grow and develop during their time in EYFS. This could be getting dressed for school independently, making their bed, saying thank you in a shop, holding a door open for a member of the public, tidying their room, doing

well at a club, trying new foods or caring for a sibling etc. We look forward to hearing about your child's magic moments and celebrating these in class!

Practicalities:

- Your child is required to come into school in their school PE kit on their PE days. Their PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. If they wear earrings, please remove them before they come to school on these days.
- Please send in a pair of named wellies that can be kept in school for the year.
- **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING THAT COMES INTO SCHOOL TO ENSURE IT COMES HOME!!** All items of uniform, coats, PE kit, water bottles, hats, scarves, gloves, wellies etc.
- Please send your child in with a bag with wipes, spare underwear, socks, tights, trousers, skirt/pinafore etc in a named plastic bag just in case of any accidents. They will be kept on your child's peg. Thanks for those that have been sent in already.
- Each year we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£5** to help to cover the cost of baking, cooking and growing resources. Thank you for your support. This really helps us to keep up with amount of playdough we have to make, food tasting and baking, growing and cooking etc.
- In EYFS we occasionally beg, borrow and steal and send out requests for donations of random items! Our first plea is for bags of compost, indoor leafy plants, shiny gift ribbon, children's gardening gloves and carrier bags.
- **Please ensure water bottles only contain water and not fruit juice, cordial, milk etc. They must be named and not put in school bags as they often leak.**

X (Twitter):

Over the last few years, Clifton has started using X (Twitter) as another way of communicating with our parents. We update regularly with information about daily activities that your children are enjoying at school. We will only be tweeting pictures of children for whom we have been given consent to publish in the media and on our website. Join our Clifton EYFS Class 1 twitter at: **@clifton_fs2**

We will no longer communicate with you on the New Starters Twitter account so feel free to leave that and join the one stated above.

IMPORTANT REQUEST... All of our new starters in EYFS are looking forward to having our school dinners however, if ever you do choose to send in a packed lunch, ensure it does not contain any nuts or peanut butter products due to some children having a nut allergy in school. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Here's to a super year ahead!

Mrs Dixon 😊