

Bags

Currently, your child does not need a backpack bag in school. Your child will receive a free black book bag and we will send your child's reading and phonics book home. Your child should have been provided with a free water bottle and P.E kit. P.E kits are to be kept at school and water bottles should be brought to school daily.

P.E Days

In Autumn A, we will have P.E on Thursday mornings. Your child should have received a free P.E kit as you returned our important letters. You only need to provide sandshoes. We will keep the P.E kit in school for the term and will send home over the holidays. Please label every item of clothing.

For health and safety reasons your child should not wear earrings or jewellery at school.

Lunch

Lunch is free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We encourage you to pre-order your child's school lunch at home. If you are unable to do this, don't worry this is something we check each morning. Milk is free for children up until the term before they turn 5. If you wish for your child to have milk you will need to order and pay termly. If you are entitled to free school meals you may still wish to apply for this as it entitles your child to free milk

Learning Journals

We will continue building an on-line Learning Journal (via Tapestry) with your child over the course of the year, which will include examples of learning in school, such as photos and short video clips. We hope you will be able to share some of your child's learning at home with us too. There is the opportunity for you to download this as a PDF file at the end of the year. If you should need any further support to set this up please see a member of staff.

Welcome to Reception

with Miss Costello, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Loy and Mrs Ward



Beech Class

Our Topics This Year:

Autumn A

- 1 – Wonderful West End
- 2 – Marvellous Me

Autumn B

- 1 – Elmer's Colourful Celebrations

Spring A

- 1 – Are You Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf?

Spring B

- 1 – How Does Your Garden Grow?

Summer A

- 1 - Out and About

Summer B

- 1 – If You Go Down To The Woods Today...

Homework/ Reading

Once your child is ready to begin our school scheme, they will receive word cards and discussion books. We will send reading books home on a Monday and Friday. Black bags with phonics activities will also be sent home on a Friday and they should be returned to school on Monday's. Your child will receive half term home challenges via Tapestry.

Parent Contact

If you need to inform your child's class teacher of any appointments or small matters, please do so when you bring your child to school in the morning, or collect your child at the end of the day. If you do not bring or collect your child, please phone the office and leave a message or send a note with your child. We will use Tapestry, Facebook or the School's Website to inform you of your child's learning, class organisation or general information. Newsletters will now be paperless. To view them please go to our website

www.westend.northumberland.sch.uk

Literacy/ Maths

We will use our assessments to pick an appropriate starting point for your child.

In Literacy we will be working on reading and writing through the Jolly Phonics Scheme and learning some words by sight.

In Maths we will be learning to count within and beyond 20. We will recognise numbers and calculate within 10.

Important Information

Please ensure that water bottles are only filled with plain water. This is part of our healthy school policy.

Just a quick reminder...

School starts

8:45-8:55 am Please enter via the ramp and wait near the Reception ramp. The doors **will close** at **8:55 am** so please ensure your child is at school within this time.

School finishing time is **3:20pm** - Enter school via the ramp. If you are running late please inform the office.

