



St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on a new academic year, we would like to extend our warmest welcome to you and your child to St Matthew's Bloxam. We are excited to begin this journey together and look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and fun.

As ever, we value good communication between home and school and we are always happy to talk to you about any queries or concerns you have. Please either write a message in the home communication book, talk to us at home time or email the school office at admin3213@welearn365.com and put it to the attention of Reception.

Children will take home a **yellow home school communication book every Friday**, which contains a summary of that week's learning and might include some guidance for home. Please return the book to school by **Wednesday**.

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for your child, we would like to share some important information and recommendations with you.

Naming Clothes

We kindly request that you name all of your child's clothing items, including coats, jumpers, cardigans, and hats. This will greatly assist us in keeping track of your child's belongings and minimizing the chances of items being misplaced.

By naming their clothes, it becomes easier for us to return any misplaced items to the rightful owners promptly. A simple name tag or permanent marker will do the trick, ensuring that their clothes remain easily identifiable throughout the day.

Spare Clothes

Accidents and spills can happen during the course of the day, and we understand that it is important for your child to feel comfortable and clean. To facilitate this, we kindly ask that you provide a spare set of clothes for your child. This can be kept on their peg in a carrier bag.

Water bottle

Hydration is crucial for your child's well-being, especially during their busy day of play and learning. Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.

Snacks

We provide milk and a piece of fruit for the children during the morning. If you know your child will not eat these, please provide your child with a piece of fruit they do like and they can eat that.

Books

We will be using our online reading programme as well have a book to read at home as well. Once our phonics has started, we will be sending you a log in and you will be able to access the books we have been reading in class. We will also be sending home a physical home reading book from our lending library; the trolley will be out outside on a Friday for you to change.

PE

We have not set a day for PE, we will let you know when we are doing it and the children will be able to come into school in their PE kits. Until then, the children will be meeting their physical development in our outside area.

Photos of our first few days

We would like to share the photos we took on your child's first day. Please see the school website for these. <https://www.st-matthewsbloxam.co.uk/> and go to the class pages – reception. We will be setting up Tapestry accounts so you can see photographs throughout the year.

If you are on Facebook – there is a school Facebook account – SMB Noticeboard and there is a page that is just for SMB Reception Parents and Carers, which you are welcome to join.

Junk modelling

Please could you send in any suitable bits and pieces so your child can get busy making.

Once again, we would like to express our warmest welcome to you and your child. We are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that supports your child's development and enables them to reach their full potential.

If you have any further questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

We look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Hancock, Mrs Francis and Mrs Wilson.

