

Autumn Edition

September 2022

Dear Families

On behalf of The Reception Team at Castilion Primary School we are happy to welcome you to the 2022 – 2023 school year. We hope you have had a wonderful and restful summer! We are looking forward to working together to ensure our children can achieve the highest potential. As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. There are lots of exciting opportunities and changes for our children this year, our plan is to aim high and work closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Reception Team

Calendar dates:

**Parent/Teacher
Consultation Meetings:**
**Week commencing
14th November**

October Half Term
Monday 24th October
- Friday 28th October

School starts for children
Monday 31st October

End of Term
Friday 16th December



Subject Coverage

Communication and Language:

Literacy: Listening to stories, discussing what happened. Retelling stories.

PSED: We will be thinking about keeping healthy, including brushing our teeth, good sleep habits, good food habits and physical exercise. We will also focus on sharing, turn taking, and being kind.

Physical Development: We will be developing our fine motor skills which helps with handwriting and pencil grip. We will also be developing our larger muscles through climbing, hopping, skipping and swinging in our outside area.

Maths: We will be developing our understanding of number with lots of opportunities to count, order numbers and practice writing our numbers.

Understanding the World: Talking about their families and homes. Describe and name people familiar to them. Exploring materials and understanding the need to respect and care for our environment.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will be exploring lots of art materials such as paint, crayons, chalks and others.

Reading Records

Reading records will be sent home soon for you to record at home when you have read with your child.

Tapestry

Please ensure you have downloaded and set Tapestry. If you are having any problems, please see your class teacher.

Dojo

Please ensure you have downloaded and set up Dojo. This is our main form of communication, so it is very important. Any problems please see your class teacher.

Upcoming Events in Reception

Trips this term

Djambé drumming workshop- Date to be confirmed.

Assemblies

While the children are settling into school life, we will not be going to assemblies yet. Once we are settled in, we will try to attend some special assemblies.

Home and school partnership

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Arrive at school on time, the gates open at 8.40am. Registration is at 8.50am.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and literacy skills. (Once we begin reading!)
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

Miss Avery, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Taiwo, Miss Faudia, and Miss Mander

Staff in Reception:



Miss Avery - Class Teacher (Mon, Tues, Weds)
Mrs Dixon – Class Teacher (Thurs and Fri)
Miss Faudia - TA
Mrs Taiwo – Class Teacher
Mrs Mander - TA

Attendance and Punctuality

*Do encourage your child to come to school every day unless they are really ill.
Remember frequent absences can seriously hinder your child's education. Arriving in school on time is also vital, and helps your child to settle into school life and school routines quicker!*

PE Days

We will not yet be starting PE until our children have settled in to life at Castilion Primary School. We will put a message on Dojo when we are ready to begin our PE lessons.

Belongings

Please make sure that your child's belongings (uniform, PE kit, lunch box, water bottle) are clearly marked with their name, and are brought to school every day.

NEW UNIFORM PROCEDURES – A LETTER FROM MRS BISHOP, PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have today been reviewing the uniform requirements and I would like to share these with you.

Wear your Castilion School uniform with pride.

- Children are no longer required to wear white shirts, they can now wear white polo tops. Children can continue to wear the shirts they have until they are ready to be replaced.
- Children are no longer required to wear ties.

All children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the following principles:

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the children in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- Impacts positively on attitudes to learning

Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items of school uniform, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey trousers ▪ Grey shorts in the summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers ▪ Green & white check dress in the summer ▪ Grey shorts in the summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White/grey socks/tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black school shoes ▪ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i> ▪ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year</p>	
<p>PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons</p>	
<p>Indoor PE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Bare feet ▪ Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly) 	<p>Outdoor PE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Black plimsolls or training shoes ▪ Socks ONLY - No tights
<p>In colder weather (the following is allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children may wear a green fleece (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit top / fleece / hoodie with black jogging bottoms over their PE kit. 	
<p>Water Bottles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please either purchase a Castilion Water bottle from the school office or provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle 	<p>Jewellery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For health and safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has already had his/her ears pierced, they may only wear plain studs, with no stones.
<p>Watches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed. 	
<p>Hair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted. ▪ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back. ▪ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green). ▪ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back. ▪ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green). ▪ Nail varnish and make-up <u>MUST NOT</u> be worn. 	
<p>Bookbags</p> <p>Children need a green, flat book bag – no backpacks please. These should be clearly named on the outside. School book bags are available in the School Office for £7.00.</p>	

Nut Free School

As we have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School' If your child has a nut allergy could you please inform our Senior Administrator Ms N Walford via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



*Please record all daily reading in the children's reading record books.
Teachers will be checking these and signing them weekly.*

Reading records and reading books should be brought to school every day to support progress.

Don't forget to give your child a bottle of water to bring to school every.

Thank you for your support.