



## Our Lady's Bishop Eton Primary School



### Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 2

Week beginning: 12.09.2022

#### Come and See

This week we began our 'Come and See' Journey in which is the Religious Education strand of our school curriculum. We have started with the topic of the domestic church and family and the children's learning is based around 'Myself.' Over the coming weeks, the children will explore all about themselves and how this relates to God and Jesus and what we are taught in the Scripture. This week we discussed our names. We talked about why we have names, that God knows and loves us all and how we are all special in our own way.

The children are getting better at recognising their own names with our self-registration cards/lunch/snack cards and their coat peg labels. Next week we are going to paint self-portraits and practise writing their own names

#### Another busy week!

We are so impressed with the children this week; they have been absolutely wonderful! They have continued to settle into school and are becoming more familiar each day with their new surroundings. They have done a super job, especially as they have stayed for lunch and become used to the new routines associated with this such as choosing their lunch in the morning, going to the dining room and playing in the Reception playground.

The children will probably be very tired this weekend and some children may become more 'teary' as staying in school all day can be exhausting for them as they are still getting used to life in school and their new environment. This is completely expected and we will be here to reassure and comfort them (and you) should this be the case.

#### Safeguarding

If someone other than yourselves are picking up your children or there is a change to home time collection, don't forget to let us know in writing via a note in a book bag or an email to the school office. You can also remind us at the gate. Thanks to everyone who has done this this week.

#### Home Learning

Each week we will send some home learning tasks that are linked to what the children have been doing in school. This will go home on a Friday and will need to be returned to school by the following **Wednesday** at the latest in order that we can look at the books and mark them before returning them to you at the end of the week with a new task.

This week, we would love to know the story of your child's name. What does it mean? Why did you choose it? Does it have any special significance?

Please check book bags for your template and return to school next week.

#### Coats and book bags

The children have been brilliant so far at our morning and going home routine of hanging up / collecting coats, book bags and water bottles. The majority of these are labelled with children's names but due to them all being identical, there can be some confusion. If you could put a small key ring on the zip of your child's school coat / handle of their book bag; this will allow them to easily identify their own and therefore minimise any distress.

#### Identifying Clothing

There are still a number of items such as cardigans, coats and jumpers that are unnamed.

Can we please ask that **ALL** items of clothing (including shoes and socks) are labelled with your child's name as this will minimise distress for your child in these early days and encourage independence with classroom routines and to allow us to return them to your children at the end of the day.

Thank you



### Other Information

If you still have to return your slip detailing home time collection, could we ask that you do that next week as we have not received them all back yet. If you require another copy, please ask at the door.  
Thanks

### Lunch time

This week, the children have come into school in the morning and have been using their self-registration labels to choose what they would like to for their lunch. There are a great selection of hot dinners and the children have been so sensible. If they have not liked the choice they have made on a particular day, we have encouraged them to try a different option the next day. You might find that the children have been coming home saying they are hungry. We know that some children have been still hungry after lunch so we have offered them another piece of fruit or some crackers. The children also have the option of having a piece of fresh fruit in addition to their mid-morning snack and milk and another piece of fruit during the afternoon session.

Some of you have preferred to send in a packed lunch from home - can we ask that if this is your chosen option you adhere to the following in order to keep our children safe.

*1: No foods that contain NUTS including COCONUT especially chocolate or cereal bars. This also includes anything where packaging states 'may contain' or if packaged in a factory where the above foods are present.*

*2: Please ensure that if you send grapes or cherry tomatoes that these are quartered as they are a choking hazard.*

**Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

### The 'PANTS' rule

This week we explored the NSPCC song 'Pantasaurus' and found out about the pants rule. You may have heard the children singing along to this and the link is below if you want to explore this at home. The reason for this is to remind children how to keep themselves safe and to remind them that when we go into the bathroom/toilet in school that this is private and we go by ourselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IL07JOGU5o>

### Dates for your Diary

Tempest photography will be in school next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September to photograph the new Reception children. They will take individual photographs and sibling groups during the course of the afternoon.