



## Diocese of Portsmouth

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

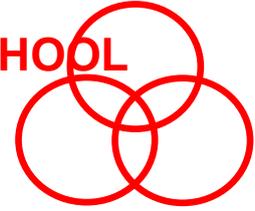
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Headteacher: Mrs M Delany-White



### Reception Class Newsletter April 2019

Welcome back and we hope that you have had a restful Easter break. As you know, Miss Hunter is still unwell, but we have had Miss Prior as our regular supply teacher since the beginning of March, and Mrs Semple and Miss Prior are working together to plan and deliver the Reception curriculum and activities as normal. If your child has not had their second Focus Week yet, they will bring home their 'Marvellous Me' box and have their Focus Week this term.

#### Topics

This term our theme is 'Our Amazing World'. We will be aiming to work outdoors as much as possible, exploring the environment around our school. We will be looking at aspects of our familiar world including transport, animals and holidays. We will be thinking about how creatures are similar or different to each other, and thinking about how we grow and change throughout our lives. Our 'Amazing World' topic will extend across all of the areas of learning in the Early Years curriculum.

#### PE

We ask that you get your child a PE kit this term, in preparation for Sports Day. It would be a good idea to get a red polo shirt and navy shorts that are slightly larger than you would usually buy, so that they can also be used when your child goes in to Year 1. Please ensure that the polo shirt and shorts are clearly named, as it is very difficult to find lost kit when we have lots of identical polo shirts and shorts! Please bring the PE kits in to school in a named bag before half term. After May Half Term we will begin to practise for Sports Day by racing on the running track. Children usually find running easier in a pair of trainers as they tend to fit better than plimsolls. If your child has a spare pair of trainers, they may like to keep them in their PE bag. We may go out and practise races on any day of the week depending on weather conditions, so it is really helpful if children can have a pair of trainers at school.

#### £5 Contribution

Again, we ask for a £5 contribution for each child each term. These contributions allow us to purchase items which are not available or are more expensive when purchased through catalogues. The money is mostly used for cooking and playdough ingredients and for art and craft materials.

#### Reading

Please continue to read with your child at home as often as possible. All children will have reading books to bring home each week. They also have flash cards to practise sounding out or reading by sight. Children will usually read once a week in class. If you have any free time and would like to come in and listen to the children read we would love to have you - please speak to a member of staff if you would like to volunteer.

#### Writing

In June this year, all of the children in the Reception class will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals to see whether they have reached the expected level for the end of Reception year. The Early Learning Goal for writing is the most difficult for children to achieve. It would be helpful if you could support your child to practice writing the high frequency words they have in their book bags (try 5 words at each writing session). You could also encourage your child to have a go at sounding out and writing CVC words





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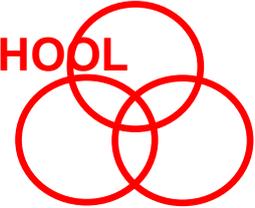
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(consonant/vowel/consonant such as cat, dog, sun, hat). We will also make a handwriting and letter formation book for each child which we will send home with them in their book bags. If you would like to know more about the end of year expectations for Reception children, please make an appointment to see the class teachers.

### Clothing

During the summer term we will spend a lot of time outside and many of our indoor activities will be moved into the outdoor area. It is important that children have a sun hat at school when the weather gets warmer. We are not able to put sun cream on children at school so please make sure you have applied sun cream at home each morning. Water is available for children to drink all of the time. If you have any concerns about your child playing in the sun, please speak to one of the Reception staff.

### Getting ready for Year One

This term we will make a few changes to help the children to get ready for Year One in September:

- We will begin to go to Gold Book assembly with the rest of the school on Friday afternoon. Gold Book assembly is an awards assembly to recognise children's achievements. Two children from the class will be chosen to receive the Gold Book award each week. If your child is chosen you will be invited to attend the assembly.
- Later in the term the class will visit their new teacher in Year One for an afternoon.
- After half term the children will begin to queue at the serving hatch for their lunch rather than being served at the table as they have done so far this year.

### Items to bring in

- Plant pots, unwanted seeds, leftover compost, etc. for gardening.
- Empty yoghurt pots or similar, to be used as paint pots.
- Boxes and recycling for junk modelling

**Break for Half Term: Friday 24th May at 3pm**

**Return to school: Tuesday 4th June**

**Reception and Nursery class assembly: Wednesday 15th May at 2:20pm**

We hope this information is useful, do not hesitate to ask if you have questions at any time.

Best wishes from,

Mrs Semple, Miss Prior, Mrs Moloney, Miss Stokes, Mrs Wojarska, Mrs Astone, Mrs Painton

