

# Chilton Academy & Nursery

Where Everyone **C.A.N.**

## Reception Class Newsletter

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Our newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with what the children are learning and for us to share with you some of the great work the children are doing throughout the year.

### A fantastic start!

The children all deserve a huge  
"Well Done"!

We are so proud of them for the confidence and maturity they have shown over the last few weeks, they really have been amazing and have settled into school life and their new routines with ease!

Early Years is very much about working in partnership with you to support your child's education. It is important that you know you can talk to us about this at any point. If you need to discuss a matter - or just want reassurance of how your child is doing - please do not hesitate to message us via Class Dojo or catch us at home time. It would also be helpful to know of any issues which might affect your child at school.

### Our learning this term...

Our Autumn themes are – **All about me, My family, Where do I live?, Keeping safe and healthy, Autumn and Celebrations.**

In **Phonics** we will be looking really closely at hearing sounds in words and beginning to think about the different sounds that the letters of the alphabet make. We aim to learn 4 new sounds a week- these will be added to our class story on a Friday, so you are able to practice at home to consolidate the children's learning. We will be practicing recognising and writing our names, forming lower case letters correctly and begin to write labels and simple words listening for the beginning sounds.

In **Maths** we will be doing lots of counting and reciting numbers to 10. We will concentrate on counting groups of objects using 1:1 correspondence and recognising numbers too. We will also begin to learn about numbers which are 1 more and 1 less than a given number, as well as naming shapes and using them to create pictures and patterns.

We will spend lots of time supporting children in understanding the new routines and expectations within their environment. They will also spend time getting to know their new class mates, and their teachers (Miss Jackson and Miss Anderson) so that they feel increasingly confident to share their thoughts, ideas, needs and interests. We will support the children as they learn to cooperate with their friends- including sharing, taking turns and being kind to one another.

We will of course have lots of time for play and exploring the outdoors!

### Remember labels!

It is so important that **every** item of clothing- jumpers, t-shirts, coats, PE kits, shoes and even lunchboxes are labelled!

You will appreciate that with nearly 40 children in Reception at any one time, it can be difficult to keep track of the

children's clothing, as they don't always put things where they are meant to go! :)

### Messy learning

In Reception the children generally learn best with a hands on (hands in) approach both indoors and outdoors. Children are given opportunities with a variety of materials to build imaginatively and creatively .

Through sensory experiences, they are able to respond to what they see, hear, feel, touch and smell. This helps builds self-confidence and self-esteem, children can develop concentration, problem-solving, and planning skills.

We always try our best to remind them to keep clean but sometimes they are so busy and engrossed in their play/learning they forget this!

**Please bear this in mind when you pick your child up from school.**

### Don't forget your water bottle!

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school **Everyday** containing **water**.

### Homework ...

Please keep a look out on our **Class Story on Class Dojo**. There will be a **Maths and Literacy homework task** given out every **Friday**.

Please ensure you **read daily** with your child, sign their reading diary and bring

### PE -Tuesday and Thursday

Children **must** come into school wearing their PE kits on our PE days. Should it be a cold day, please pop a pair of navy joggers over the top of their shorts with their school jumper and coat.

**At home, please help your child to practice putting their coats and jumpers on independently.**

### Coats

As the weather gets colder please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat to school everyday as we will still be going outside whatever the weather!

### Bag a book bag

Book bags are a great buy and can be used throughout your child's time at Chilton to carry reading books, homework, letters and finished pieces of work neatly.

### Home time

Thank you so much for your cooperation and patience at the gate, both in the morning and the afternoon. The first few weeks obviously take longer, but as the children become more settled and we get to know your faces it will hopefully become a little more speedy :)