

Beech Class-Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2016

Welcome to West Tytherley Primary School and to a new school year! We hope you have had a lovely Summer break with your children.

Please find below some important information for the coming term:

Reminder of Dates:

From Tuesday the 6th to Friday the 9th of September all children will be mornings only. The school day starts at 8.45am. Please collect your child at the end of our morning session at 12.15pm. On Monday the 12th of September all children will stay for the morning session and for lunch. Please help your child choose a lunch each morning and collect them at 1.15pm. Home visits will take place during the afternoons that children are in school mornings only.

From Tuesday the 13th of September all children will stay for full days. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

Reading:

We will be talking to the children about choosing a home reading book and they will start to bring a book home next week in their book bags. Please remind your child to change their home reading book in the morning when they come into school. You are welcome to support them in doing this. Initially, they may choose from the blue reading book boxes in the classroom. When they are ready to move on to the next colour box we will put a note in their reading journal to celebrate this success. Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school every day and that you share books regularly. There will be a yellow book in their book bag for you to write a short comment about the books that you have shared. This is also where we will write when we share books with your child in school.

We will be learning Set 1 of the RWI speed sounds this term. The children will bring home a few letter sounds each week in a named pot to practise with you. If you are unsure of any sounds, please do ask us. There will be a 'phonics workshop' for parents to attend towards the end of the first half term- date to follow.

Letter sounds will be checked by us at least once a week and changed when they are known securely. Each child will have reading time with an adult in class until they have learnt all their sounds and are confident blending them to build words. At this stage, they will also bring home a RWI reading book and begin group reading sessions.

The children will visit the library each Monday this term and may choose a book to take home. Please make sure that books are returned to school on the following Monday so they can choose a new book.

Show & Tell:

Children are encouraged to bring in things from home for a show and tell session on Monday afternoons each week. This could be a favourite book or special toy, a photo or souvenir from a visit. Please ensure that your child does not bring toys to school on any other day.

Mr Scrabbles:

Mr Scrabbles is our class bear. He goes home with a different child every weekend and has a diary to record his adventures. If possible, please draw some pictures or take some photographs to share as we love to look at these in class.

P.E/ Outdoor kit :

P.E. kit- Shorts/T Shirt and plimsolls need to be kept in school. Your child will bring home their kit for washing at the end of each half term. P.E. days this term will be Wednesday and Thursday commencing week beginning the 12th September. We will also be working outdoors on other days. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and a pair of trainers in school for outdoor work and that all kit is labelled.

Key person groups:

It is a statutory requirement for every Year R child to have a named key person who is particularly responsible for their wellbeing and provides a point of contact on a day to day basis for parents. This is something we assign to every child in Beech Class although it is a flexible arrangement and we will try to make ourselves available to every parent when needed.

Mrs Parker/Mrs Tuck	Mrs Bowyer
Evie	Marley
Lola	Chloe
William	Sofia
Mason	Lukas
Leah	Thomas
Skye	

School website and class blog:

Please check for information updates on the school website and sign up to our class blog so that you can keep in touch and see what we have been doing in class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Parker/Mrs Tuck/Mrs Bowyer

10 top tips about starting school for children from children:

1. You might feel shy, scared or a bit nervous but you don't need to.
2. You might cry when you go to school because you miss your Mummy and Daddy but the teachers will look after you.
- 3 Your teachers will tell you where to put your coat and bag.
4. If you don't know what to do, ask the teacher and they will help you.
5. To make new friends, you need to talk and play with other children and be nice and share.
6. You will learn new things, like numbers, letters, sharing, reading and writing.
7. Learn how to read your name and then you can find your peg and your drawer.
8. Listen to your teachers.
9. You need to wear your school uniform and you need to learn how to take it on and off for PE.
10. You will love school it is really fun!

10 top tips for parents from parents:

1. Put name labels in all of your child's belongings.
2. If you are feeling anxious or worried about your child starting school try not to let it show in front of them.
3. Check the route from home to school. Walk or cycle it if you can. If you are driving check where you can park safely.
4. If you are unable to drop off and pick up make arrangements in and let the school know.
5. Make sure that you keep your contact details up to date with the school office.
6. When shopping for school shoes and coats make sure they are practical for all weathers.
7. Give your child time to practise dressing in their new uniform, PE kit, school coat and shoes.
8. Look at the school website as they offer lots of information about the school.
9. Check your child's bag every day for notes or letters that have been sent home.
10. If the school offers information days, workshops or a chance to visit try your best to attend.