

# New Reception Starters...

## Welcome to South Stanley Infant & Nursery School



# Staffing

- ▶ Mrs Louise Thompson - Headteacher
- ▶ Mrs Jeanette Collier - Deputy Headteacher
- ▶ Mrs Kath Dargan - SENCO
- ▶ Mrs Helen Warren - Office Manager
- ▶ Mr Trevor Howard - Attendance/ Welfare Officer
  
- ▶ Miss Miriam Tulloch - Class 1 Base Teacher/Acting EYFS Lead
- ▶ Mrs Kath Dargan - Class 2 Base Teacher
- ▶ Mrs Margret Williams - Teaching Assistant Reception
- ▶ Mrs Nichola Wilson - Teaching Assistant Reception
- ▶ Mrs Michelle Thompson - Teaching Assistant Reception
- ▶ Mr Marc Patey - Sports and Forest Schools Provision
- ▶ Mrs Kathryn Stobbs - HLTA



# Transition

- ▶ Due to the limitations placed on us in terms of being able to welcome your little one into school before September and after guidance published in July, we have extended our transition program into September. You will by now have received an email with our school letter and a letter explaining transition arrangements for your child as follows. Please make sure that you read it carefully:

## Transition Dates:

Wednesday 2nd September OR Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September OR Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (you will have been sent a specific email explaining which date your child is to attend)

- ▶ Your child will spend their first day in a very small group of children to give them additional support on their first day. Please drop your child off at their **class door** between **9-9.30am** using our one-way system. (Please see our website for photographs and video).
- ▶ Your child will have their lunch at school or you may provide them with a packed lunch. (Please see our website for our healthy eating brochure)
- ▶ Please collect your child from their **class door** between **1:30pm - 2pm** using the one-way system.

## Week beginning 7th September 2020 (Monday - Friday)

- ▶ All children in your child's class will be in school. Please drop your child off at their **class door** between **9-9.30am** using our one-way system
- ▶ Your child will have their lunch at school or you may provide them a packed lunch. (Please see our website for our healthy eating brochure)
- ▶ Please collect your child from their **class door** between **1:30pm - 2pm** using the one-way system.

## Week beginning 14th September 2020

- ▶ As described in the letter accompanying this letter, we are operating a staggered start and finish system with parents being allocated 10 minute slots between 8.30-9am and collection between 3-3.30pm. **You will be given your drop off and pick up times on your child's first day in school.** Please contact us at school should you require access to our breakfast club or after school provision.
- ▶ You will continue to drop off and pick up at your child's class door using the one way system.

# Reception - what's it all about?

There are seven areas of learning and development within the Early Years setting (Nursery and Reception), the Early Years Learning Goals.

## Prime area: Communication & language

- Listening and attention
- Understanding
- Speaking

## Prime area: Physical development

- Moving and handling
- Health and self-care

## Prime area: Personal, social and emotional development

- Making relationships
- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour

## Specific areas: Literacy

- Reading
- Writing

## Specific area: Mathematics

- Numbers
- Shape, space and measures

## Specific area: Understanding the world

- People and communities
- The world
- Technology

## Specific area: Expressive arts and design

- Exploring and using media and materials
- Being imaginative

# What we promise to do.

- ▶ Treat your little one as if they were our own.
- ▶ Let you know if your child has been upset, had an accident or just seems 'out of sorts'.
- ▶ Keep you up to date with your child's progress.
- ▶ Keep you informed of events happening in Reception and across school.
- ▶ Treat your child as a unique individual who we want to feel settled and happy in their first experience of school. If your child is struggling to settle into Reception, we will speak to you individually to make arrangements to help your child to settle.



# What we would like from you.

- ▶ Ensure you keep us informed about anyone different who may be picking your child up from Reception.
- ▶ Ensure that you keep us informed if your child has been upset or there are any changes in your child's life.
- ▶ Let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.
- ▶ Ensure that your child wears school uniform.
- ▶ Talk to us first if you have any concerns or worries.
- ▶ Ensure that your child attends Reception every session possible.



# Attendance

- ▶ To support us to make our school a safe place during COVID-19, you have already been allocated a ten minute dropping off and collection time. It is essential that you comply with those timings. Gates close promptly at 9am and your child will be marked late after 9am.
- ▶ Good attendance in Reception is crucial for many reasons as it...
  - ❑ Ensures that your child makes better progress socially.
  - ❑ Ensures that your child feels more settled and is more likely to want to come to school.
  - ❑ Ensures that your child makes better progress academically.
  - ❑ Builds good habits for later in their school life.
- ▶ Mr Trevor Howard is our attendance and welfare officer. He contacted on 07849738768
- ▶ Our expectations of attendance and procedures are outlined in the attendance booklet on our website and we want to support you to ensure that good attendance is maintained. Please speak to Mr Howard or Mrs Thompson should you have any questions.



# School Uniform

Wearing school uniform has many benefits for children. Amongst other things it fosters a sense of belonging and also a sense of pride in their school.

Pupils are required to wear uniform from Nursery upwards. Our uniform consists of:

- ▶ blue sweatshirt or cardigan featuring our school logo (or plain blue without the logo)
- ▶ white or blue polo shirt/blouse/shirt
- ▶ dark grey or black trousers - No stripes or logos. (Jeans, jogging bottoms or leggings are not permitted in main school)
- ▶ Grey/black skirt or pinafore
- ▶ Any sensible flat sturdy shoes or trainers which are completely black. (No logos)

School jumpers can be purchased by logging onto [WWW.TOTSTOTEAMS.COM](http://WWW.TOTSTOTEAMS.COM) whilst plain blue jumpers, trousers and polo shirts can be bought locally. Please contact us in school should you have any queries.

Your child will be provided with a bagged PE kit (shorts and t-shirt), parents are asked to provide plimsolls. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and returned after the holiday.





# The other bits...

- ▶ Class 1 children are dropped off and picked up via Class 1 door using our one-way system. (Please see our website for a video tour and photographs)
- ▶ Class 2 children are dropped off and picked up via Class 2 door using our one-way system. (Please see our website for a video tour and photographs)
- ▶ If you are brand new to our Reception we will need to see your child's birth certificate when they start.
- ▶ If you are interested in accessing our breakfast club or after school provision, please see Mrs Warren or Mrs Thompson.
- ▶ **We are looking forward to seeing you all on your first day at school.**

# Questions?

- ▶ Please contact school if you have any questions.
- ▶ Telephone number: 01207 232445
- ▶ Email address: [southstanleyinfant@durhamlearning.net](mailto:southstanleyinfant@durhamlearning.net)

