

The EYFS Team

Mrs Kitching (Reception Class Teacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Lead - Monday to Wednesday), **Mrs Dickinson** (Reception Class Teacher – Wednesday to Friday) and **Mrs Whittle** (Reception Class Teacher)

Our teaching assistants are **Mrs Bramley**, **Mrs Newcombe** (Wednesday to Friday), **Miss O'Reilly** (Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoon), **Miss Makanji** (Tuesday to Thursday).

Mr Walters for music on a Monday.

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In Reception, we provide a broad and balanced curriculum where the children lead the learning and their needs and interests are the heart of everything we do.

For the first half term, our wonder question and line of enquiry will be: **I wonder what makes us so special?** This will relate to the topic: **All about marvellous me.**

The big picture - We will be looking at families, friends and transition into school. The children will talk about who they live with, where they live and the community, and who cares for them and how. We will be discussing school routines and expectations, as well as exploring the classrooms and outdoor area. They will be selecting their own resources and developing their playing skills to allow them to be confident learners.

R.E. Each term has three Come and See (Religious Education) topics. These are:

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Myself	Celebrating	Good News
Welcome	Gathering	Friends
Birthday	Growing	Our World

Welcome to EYFS- Reception



Availability and Communication

There are a variety of ways that we like to keep in touch with you. There will be a half termly EYFS- Reception newsletter, a regular school newsletter and the school website, <http://www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk/> plus Twitter @thegsaprimary.

Please encourage your child to become more independent by encouraging them to empty their bag every day and show you pictures, hand you letters and share their homework diary.

At least one member of staff will be available, when you drop your child off in the morning and collect them at night, to take a short message at the classroom doors. If you need to speak to us at length, we ask that you make an appointment with us and we will arrange a convenient date and time with you.

Any messages can be sent to the office and these will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

Please email
office@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk



Dates for your diary

- Week commencing 12th September- reading books, diary and home learning book given
- 20th September 5-6pm in the hall- 'Meet the Teacher' evening
- 23rd September 9am in the hall - PTA coffee morning for new parents
- 5th October- Parents Evening (further details to follow)
- 14th October- Last day of term

Please note there may be some additional dates and information sent to you via MyEd, which you will receive to your email address that you provided when you filled in the starting school forms.

We are SO proud...

of how well your wonderful children come into school each day. They have settled in beautifully and are our shining stars!

Well done Reception x

P.E.

P.E will take place on a Friday morning for both Reception classes.

- Please make sure that your child comes dressed in their PE kit and that all items of clothing are labelled. This helps your child's independence, as well as reducing the risks of lost uniform.
- For colder months, children's PE kit will consist of navy joggers, a navy sweatshirt, white polo top and velcro trainers.

Please remove earrings on PE day and all long hair must be tied back.

Behaviour at the Good Shepherd Academy

We are very proud of our children and the way in which they behave. Our behaviour management is rooted in love, forgiveness and the Gospel values. Through our nurturing approach, we encourage the children to see themselves as unique individuals made in God's image and we seek to accentuate the positive in each child.

In Reception, we will be focusing on developing children's self-regulatory skills, which can be defined as the ability of children to manage their own behaviour, feelings and aspects of their learning in different situations.

We will be spending a lot of time over the next few weeks establishing our class expectations and routines. We believe these are very important as it helps to create an environment in which every child can feel secure and able to develop at their own pace. We try to keep these rules simple and maintain routines. **Our class promises are:**

- We listen carefully and put up our hands when we want to say something.
- We use our kind, helpful hands and feet.
- We always try our best.
- We show good listening and looking.
- We use our 'indoor' voices in the classroom.
- We look after our things, if WE CHOOSE IT, WE USE IT and WE PUT IT AWAY.
- We will love Jesus in all we do.

Home Learning

• Reading

Please ensure that your child's reading books and diary are in their folder and brought to school **every** day. Remember to sign/comment in the diary every time you have heard them read. We will change your child's books and hear them read in school once a week.

• Phonics

Phonics work is key to developing your child's ability to read and write and this is why we focus, at first, on teaching the children letter sounds rather than the letter names. More information will be given at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

• Home Learning Book

Every Monday a home learning task based around our current topic or Maths work will come home in your child's home learning book. Please keep an eye out for the new task in their book each week.



Reminders

- We do lots of outdoor learning. **Please bring in a named pair of wellies for your child at your earliest convenience. These will stay in school.** Thank-you ☺
- Please ensure **all belongings** are labelled with your child's name, so if lost they can be easily returned to you. Children must bring a named drinks bottle to school each day, filled with **water only**.
- Please ensure to complete GDPR form provided in the initial pack and return to the school office as soon as possible.