



BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Early Years Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Early Years Newsletter! The Year R team will send out half termly newsletters and information about our topics and how to help at home. Our topic is “All about me”, where we will be getting to know your child better. If your child has not already brought in their “All about me” sheets, please can they come in by Monday 20th September.

The children are settling in very well and seem to be enjoying school. We are grateful for your support in helping the children settle into school and getting them used to all the new routines. By the end of next week please can you make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school. We are outside all the time and they are in regular use.

We are trying to promote independence and encouraging them to find their own belongings, as well as getting jumpers and coats on themselves. We have shown them how to pull the arms of their jumper the right way through. We are not expecting your child to zip up their coat yet, but your support with their independence is important. Just a reminder that it should only be water in the water bottles rather than squash. This helps to promote healthy living and encourages them to remain refreshed and hydrated throughout the day.

Welcome Meetings

We are holding our Welcome to Year R Meeting on **Tuesday 5th October at 9:15am**. This meeting will give you a bit more information about Year R and the new EYFS curriculum, that the government has introduced from September 2021. We will also be sharing information about supporting your child at home with language and reading development. Please can we ask that just one family member attends the meeting.

EYFS Baseline

From September 2021, all Reception aged children are required to take part in "Reception Baseline assessments (RBA). The children will take part in a short series of activities using a range of familiar objects and pictures, and will do so with either Miss Russell or Miss Ledger. All schools are required to complete the baselines assessments within the first 6 weeks of children starting school, so we will be beginning our baseline assessment from Tuesday 21st September. Attached is a letter which gives you more information about it. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Reading

Every day your child will be bringing home a sharing, picture book for you to look at with them. This is a book that you can share together, at bedtime, when you get in from school or anytime you fancy a story! During the coming weeks we will be sharing more information about reading at Bishopswood, as well as how you can support your child at home.

Outdoor learning

Each half term Year R will be taking part in an outdoor learning day. This term it will be on **Monday 18th October**. Please can your child come into school dressed in outdoor clothes suitable for the weather conditions on the day. We will send out a parentmail reminder nearer the time.

Class of 2021

To celebrate the first year of school, Year R will be having their photos taken by Newbury Weekly News and will be printed in a supplement on supplement on **Thursday 28th October**.

Harvest

At Bishopswood we like to celebrate special occasions throughout the year. The Year R children will be learning about harvest throughout the week and taking part in singing some harvest songs. Unfortunately we are unable to invite you into school for our normal whole school harvest assembly. However we will be recording the children's songs and uploading them onto our learning platform Seesaw. We will be sending you more information about this and how you can access it at home over the coming weeks.

PE

Just a reminder that our PE day is on a Monday, so you child can wear their PE kit, as long as it is suitable for a day at school including outdoor play. Children should wear a school jumper. Due to the fact your child will need to wear their PE kit all day, they do not need to bring an additional pair of plimsols, as a plain pair of trainers will be suitable for a day at school.

Thank you very much for your co-operation. It has been a great start to your child's schooling at Bishopswood.

The Early Years Team