

**Welcome to the
Reception classes!!**

Settling In

Stay and Play sessions have been offered via letter.

Meet other members of the school team during final stay and play sessions.

Small groups start each day.

Stay for lunch from the first week and pick up time is 1pm.

Full time from Monday 5th October

9am-3pm

If your child requires a longer staged transition, this can be discussed with the individual class teachers during the Stay and Play sessions.

Routine of the Day

Bring children into the classroom during initial settling in period. You can help them to find their peg and tray and ensure they are settled before leaving.

Guided activities and free flow play. Each table will have an activity which has been planned to cover an early learning objective. The classroom will reflect the broad Early Years Curriculum. More information with regards to the curriculum will be shared at our 'Meet the Teacher' event in late September.

Finish and collect from the classroom doors. Please wait until your child has been dismissed by an adult. If someone else is collecting your child, please inform us.

Help your child to be ready for school

- Help them to manage coats, shoes, toilet – please don't send your child to school in shoelaces – Velcro straps will help your child feel more independent and stay safe. Please be aware that this may have to be adapted due to a change in Government Guidelines re: COVID
- Talking about school in a positive way
- Reading and talking with your child

Clothing

- All weathers
 - changeable
- Safe
- Old
- Uniform-optional
- Labels – PLEASE!
- Lost property



Lunch Time

- Everyone can have a free school dinner
- Packed lunch
 - Water
 - Healthy

We are a nut free school due to severe allergies. Please ensure you make the Office aware of any medically diagnosed food allergies or specific dietary requirements for your child.

Designated midday meals staff for each class

The children will be taken across to the main school building to each their lunch in the small hall, before playing in the Key Stage 1 playground.

Communication

Person to person

- Greet you and your child each morning
- After school better for discussion
- Informal learning evening in the first term
- Parent teacher interview after Christmas
- **Most communication is sent via email.**
- Notices may be on your Classroom windows
- Check the school Website for dates
 - J.Buzz is our weekly school newsletter. This will be sent out weekly via email.

**If you have not
returned your
admissions forms,
please do so by July
6th.**

Children must have medication on the
first day. We have to have 2 of every
medication in school. One will remain
in Reception and the other in the main
school medical room.

Frequently asked questions page

1) What can I do over the Summer?

We also encourage families to enjoy their time together over the summer holidays. Talking positively and enthusiastically about school is important and you might want to share some story books about starting school. Encourage their independence i.e. coats, shoes, socks.

2) Does my child need a P.E kit?

No, your child does not need an individual P.E kit. Each class will have a weekly P.E slot once a term with a specialist P.E teacher. However, with the outdoor environment that we have, we always planning and providing daily activities that will develop their physical skills.

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4) Do the children go on school trips?

We do not go on school trips during the first term due to it being the establishment phase and ensuring all children are settled and immersed in the classroom routines and expectations. After Christmas we will begin to plan and organise school trips based on what we are learning about in the Curriculum. We require a lot of parent helpers on trips so we hope you can be

5) How will you challenge my child?

The Early Years Curriculum is about the whole child and their development across all areas of learning is important. We do recognise that some children develop at different stages and we have a thorough assessment and tracking system in place which guides us on children's next steps where appropriate. Teachers plan for the wide range of abilities within the class and this is delivered in a fun and engaging way.

6) My child is Summer Born! What do you do to support children so young?

As already stated, all children develop at different stages and we are aware that when children have a summer birthday, this can result in them taking a little more time to develop in certain areas. Please be assured we get to know your child very quickly and will adapt provision and learning styles to suit each individual child.

6) How can I support my child at home?

Regular reading (x4 times a week) is always encouraged and after the October half term, we will be sending x1 reading book home weekly for your child to practise reading over the course of the week.

An online reading tool for home learning will also be offered to provide a wide range of reading texts. This is called 'Bug Club'. In relation to Maths, we would encourage lots of practical opportunities to explore shape and number and will provide more guidance on this during our informal learning evening in late September.

7) Is the school uniform optional?

School uniform is optional at John Ball school. We have always found it to be very mixed in terms of what the children choose to wear when they come to school. However, it is important to note that they will get messy so we would advise against dressing your child in clothes that are precious or expensive. They will be running around and climbing outside so please make sure they wear appropriate foot wear.

8) Can I volunteer to come in to support in the classroom?

We love to have parent volunteers in the school but this application has to go through the main school. All volunteers are required to have an enhanced CRB check which takes some time. If this interests you, please get in touch with the school office to complete your application. It is important to note that as a school we match a parents skill set with the need identified in the school.

9) What about extra curricular clubs?

You will be able to apply for your child to take part in a club after school late in the Autumn term. There is a club booklet on the school website if you wish to look at some of the clubs that the school offered in the last academic year.

10) Is there a breakfast and after school club?

We use an external company called 'Superkids' who run a breakfast club 7.45-9.00am and after school club 3.00-5.45pm. If this is something you feel you need as a family, please get in contact with the company directly. The contact details are:

07732 305 454 OR EMAIL: ADMIN@SUPERKIDSCLUB.CO.UK

Welcome to Purple Class

- If your child is in Purple Class, their class teachers will be Cassey (Mon-Tues) and Polly (Weds-Fri). Here is a little video from them both: Please double click on the pictures to play the video



Welcome to Green Class

- If your child is in Green Class, their class teachers will be Bonnie. Here is a little video from Bonnie: Please double click on the picture to play the video



Welcome to Blue Class

- If your child is in Blue Class, their class teachers will be Jane. Here is a little video from Jane: Please double click on the picture to play the video



Please look out for another video where we will show your child around the current Reception setting. This will be accessible for the Summer holiday break.

We look forward to welcoming you all in September!