

# Welcome to Diamond Class



## **Hello and welcome back one and all!**

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and are sure you are now ready to start the new school year!

We would like to say a big welcome to all our new reception children!

We are looking forward too many exciting adventures with Diamond class this year!

We are really looking forward to an exciting year and we are sure that the reception children will have lots of fun during their first year in school!

## **This Term**

This term our creative learning theme will be "Travel through Time"

The first half of this term we will be thinking all about our mini theme Ourselves; learning about ourselves, our families, our bodies and people who help us.

## **Communication Diary**

Your child will be given a communication diary that you can fill in for both home and school communication and daily reading.

When you read at home, please sign or write a comment as you have read.



## **Show and Tell**

Show and tell has always been a favourite activity for our children.

This will take place on Wednesday afternoons starting from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. Children can bring in something they would like to show or talk about. This could be a toy or book or something from a trip they have been on, it is always nice when it links to our topics if possible.

## **Picture Books**

In your child's book bag, you will find a picture book along with your child's communication diary. Please encourage your child to use the picture images to retell the story to you. This encourages story language and builds up story telling skills ready for the next phase of reading books with words in.

## **P.E. & Forest Schools**

Diamond Class children participate in two P.E. lessons per week. For this term these will be on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings, so please ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school.

Forest School will be on Thursday mornings. Please can you also send in your child's forest school kit to stay in school each half term.

It is important that your child's clothes are clearly labelled as it can sometimes be very confusing when the clothes get mixed up at changing time.



## **Play time**

All reception & Year One children are provided with fresh fruit and vegetables as part of the Healthy Schools Scheme.

Tuck is also available at playtime – toast is available Monday - Thursday and a choice of sausage or bacon buns on a Friday. (Please send money in a named purse for the week). Milk is provided as part of the cool milk scheme for children under five (Please see school office). Your child may bring a named water bottle to school, which will be returned home each evening. Please ensure that it only contains water and not juices. Water is available in the classroom and we encourage the children to drink water at regular intervals throughout the day.



**\*Please remember to bring a coat every day.**

## **Website**

Our School website is up and running with lots of information about our school and activities/links for your child to access. Check out our class blog page to update you of various class specific information throughout the year.

Watch this space for Diamond class updates...

[www.catonstpauls.com/diamond/](http://www.catonstpauls.com/diamond/)

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