

Autumn 1
September
2020



Foundation Stage

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all of our Foundation Stage families, old and new. We are so proud of how well the children have started school this year. They really have amazed us at how quickly they have settled into our routines and how they have been so grown up coming into school on their own.

We know that this may be an anxious time after children returning or starting school after a long time away from their childcare setting. Please rest assured we have a big emphasis, during these first few weeks, on developing the children's personal, social and emotional development. We want them to become confident and feel happy and secure in our setting, giving them the tools, they need to become confident learners.

From next week, class teachers may not be on the door in the morning, they will be in the classrooms ready to greet the children. But if you wish to speak with your child's teacher then please leave a message with the Teaching Assistant on the door and your child's teacher will get in touch at their earliest convenience.

Keeping in touch

If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account check your junk mail or speak to a member of staff. Please note this isn't the only tool we have to keep track of your child's learning but it does give you an insight into your child's learning. Each week we will also post a 'Home School Diary' entry to keep you up to date.

We have a school website, where we will post blogs and our 'Home School Diary' entry. www.christopherpickeringprimary.co.uk

Twitter – please follow us @cpickeringpri



Information

Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled clearly. Remember Wednesday is PE day (for both F1 and F2) and we request children come to school in their PE kit. Children can wear their school jumper or a navy blue PE hoody. PE hoodies can only be worn on a Wednesday.



Please remember to provide your child with a pair of wellies so that they can play in our mud kitchen and water areas and not worry about getting their school shoes muddy. This way we can also keep our indoor areas clean, now we no longer have sandshoes in school. Please send your wellies in to school from 21st September.



Water

Please ensure that your child has their own labelled water bottle in school with them every day. If your child is packed lunch this needs to be a separate, additional drink.

Snack and baking plea

Please could we ask you for a voluntary contribution of 50p a week to enable us to bake and taste a variety of foods with your children. It also helps us to subsidise the children's daily snack. The money box will be available for you to put your contribution in on the playground from next week.

COVID- 19

A few parents have asked what measures we have in place to comply with COVID-19 regulations and how school is different. Here are a few examples:

- All children have their own stationary, labelled with their name and coat peg symbol.
- Each child has their own labelled pot of playdough.
- Cleaning is taking place throughout the day.
- Children are in a year group bubble and will not spend time with another bubble.
- Staggered start times to ease congestion on the school site.
- Sand is not in use.
- PE equipment is not shared with other bubbles.
- Children do not get changed on the school site.
- Disposable aprons for painting and messy activities (on order.)
- Any child who is symptomatic will be accompanied with foundation stage staff to our isolation room and their parent/carer will be called immediately.

Wrap around care

At Christopher Pickering we offer a breakfast club for F2 children from 7:30am in a morning. We also offer an after-school club which runs straight from school, with the last pick up being 5:30pm. Please contact the office to secure your place.

For the first time, we will be offering wrap around care in F1 if there is the demand. We will be gathering interest in the next few weeks.

Reading

All children will be receiving a reading for pleasure book next week. Due to our current guidelines this must be returned on the given day to ensure the book can be quarantined and cleaned before going home with another family.

Topic

Our topic this half term is People Who Help Us. We are looking forward to introducing the children to this topic. We will be holding our first 'Wow Day' next Thursday (24th September) where the children can come to school dressed as someone who may help them in the community; a doctor, police officer, fire fighter, even a teacher! Please do not to any expense though, homemade costumes are just as fun.



Dairy dates

Autumn Term 2020	School opens	9 th September 2020
	Foundation Stage closed for training day	23rd October 2020
	School closes for half term	23 rd October 2020
	School opens	2 nd November 2020
	School closes for Christmas	18 th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	School opens	5 th January 2021
	School closes for half term	12 th February 2021
	School opens	22 nd February 2021
	School closes for Easter	26 th March 2021
Summer Term 2021	School opens	13 th April 2021
	BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED	3 rd May 2021
	School closes for half term	28 th May 2021
	School opens	7 th June 2021
	School closes for Summer	23 rd July 2021