



Welcome to Reception at

# William Leech C of E Primary School

Part of Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust

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**Parent/Carer Guide 2022/23**



## A message from Mrs Thompson - Headteacher

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our Reception class at William Leech C of E Primary School. Starting Reception is a big step in their learning journey and one that we hope your child will find exciting!

We are here to support you as parents/carers through this step too, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries you may have.

In this booklet you will find some information and some reminders for the new school year. If you need any further information, please check our school website at [www.williamleech.ncea.org.uk](http://www.williamleech.ncea.org.uk) or alternatively you can contact us by phone or email using the details below:

**Email:** [adminwl@williamleech.ncea.org.uk](mailto:adminwl@williamleech.ncea.org.uk)

**Telephone:** 01670 860267

## Meet the staff



**Mrs Rodgers (Teacher))**



**Mrs Dewar (Teacher))**



**Mrs Thompson (HLTA)**



**Mrs McDonald (TA)**



# The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

We are part of the *Early Years Foundation Stage*, which the children begin in Nursery and finish at the end of Reception.

Our learning is made up of seven areas of learning within the Development Matters curriculum:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Physical development
- Expressive arts and design



## Outdoors

- We spend a lot of our time in the outdoors, which is a great place to learn and explore!
- Children need to bring a coat to school every day, even if the sun is shining.
- School shoes need to be appropriate for all weathers.
- We have some spare wellies in school but if a pair of your child's wellies could stay in school, this would help (please put their name inside).
- In hotter months, please apply sun-cream to your child before school and send them in with a sun hat.
- Please name all jumpers and cardigans as they all look the same.



# Tapestry

- We continue to use 'Tapestry' to share your child's Learning Journey online.
- It is important that you are able to access Tapestry as we will be sending out most of our information via Tapestry. If you are having difficulties, please let us know.
- It is a great way for you to see what your child has been learning in school.
- The children really like it when you upload photos/videos from home as we share these in school. It also helps us to know what your child has been doing and to share in their interests.



# Lunch

Children have a choice each day from two options.

The menu is always displayed on the door as they come in to help you choose together what your child may like.

Children are supported in the hall to collect their lunch and sit at the table.

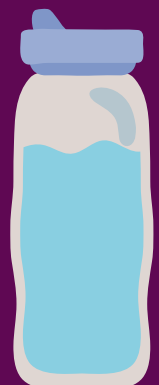
We encourage children to cut up their own food and use their knife and fork - please practise this at home.

Children can bring a healthy packed lunch from home. Please limit to one biscuit or packet of crisps. No sweets or chocolate please.



## Water, Milk and Snacks

- Children will be offered a healthy snack at school. There is also the option for your child to have milk. Milk is free until the term of their 5th birthday.
- Children should bring a named bottle of fresh water with them to school every day, especially when the weather is warm (no juice or pop).
- Please let Reception or office staff know if your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements.



# Uniform



**All children are expected to wear school uniform. Children should wear:**

- White polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, purple sweatshirt or cardigan and black shoes (not trainers) that they can manage themselves - laces can be tricky at this age!
- Black shorts, white t-shirt and black sandshoes are also required for PE (this is to be left in school and will be sent home to wash at the end of each half term)
- A plain black tracksuit or a school branded track suit can also be worn for PE
- In the summer, purple checked dresses are also available.
- Your child will also need a book bag.

Reception can be a creative and therefore a very messy place! We do insist that the children wear aprons whilst painting but they may get glue or pen on them.

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school.

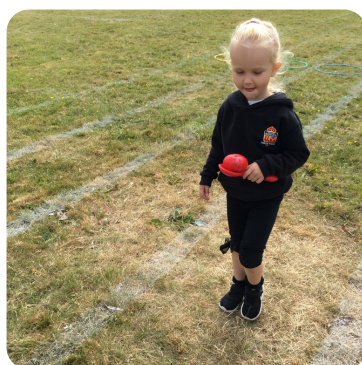
Uniform can be ordered online via the Michael Sehgal & Sons website at [www.michaelsehgal.co.uk](http://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk). There is also a link on our school website at [www.williamleech.ncea.org.uk](http://www.williamleech.ncea.org.uk).

# PE

The children will take part in regular PE sessions where we will be exploring movement, dance and games skills.

Children can come in to school wearing their school branded PE kit on PE days (only school branded kit can be worn all day) otherwise they can change into black jogging bottoms or shorts and white t-shirt at school.

Please write names in any clothing that comes to school as well as shoes.



## Reading

Reading is so important for children to access all areas of the curriculum. In the autumn term, we will have a phonics meeting to show you how we teach reading in school.

Please purchase a reading folder for your child and make sure they bring it into school with them every day. Personalise it - this can be done by adding a small keyring to the handle.

Children will continue to be able to borrow books from school.



**Please read to your child as often as you can and share books together, it makes a huge difference to their learning.**



# Checklist

- Please put your child's name in everything!
- Children will need a PE kit, reading folder and water bottle.
- Read with your child as often as possible - we need to work together.
- Arrive at 8.45am promptly every day.
- Regular attendance is really important. If your child is ill or will not be attending school for any reason, please telephone the school office to let us know.
- Please help them learn to be independent by encouraging your child to wash their hands, dress for school, fasten zips and shoes by themselves.
- Sign up for free school meals if your child is entitled.

**Any questions, please send your child's class teacher a message on Tapestry or call the school office on 01670 860267.**

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