



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

Class:	Sunbeams (Reception)	Term:	1
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sunbeams Reception class. I hope your child will settle in to school life quickly and easily and be very happy here. I do have high expectations for your child and will continue to nurture and encourage them as they move forward on their learning journey. To support the children in developing their independence and responsibility for their own learning a timetable in their Homework Diary is provided together with a visual timetable displayed in the classroom that the children will be able to refer to during the school day.

All children will participate in a daily phonics session learning a new phoneme (letter sound) a day and I aim to read at least two stories daily covering basic comprehension questions, talking about likes and dislikes of the story, anticipating the ending and what could happen next, etc. There will also be plenty of role play as well as encouraging the children in story recall.

During our maths sessions we will begin with basic counting, number recognition and number identification. Our topic this term will be based on 'All about Me' and I would be grateful if we could have a baby photo of your child for our class display.

Whilst these more academic areas are important in our school day, the three prime areas of the early learning goals are based around 'personal, social and emotional development', 'communication and language' and 'physical development'. Our aim as early years practitioners is to continue to encourage and provide opportunities in each of these areas and for your child to develop into a happy and confident child who enjoys coming to school.

Some dates for your diary are as follows:

Sept	
12 th	Kent Test 11+ - Year 6 only
12 th	3.20 11+ info session – Year 5 only
12 th	3.20 Phonics information session for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 & 2 only
24 th	Kent Messenger First Class photo – Reception only
Oct	
18 th	Harvest Festival food collection
18 th	End of Term 1

29th	Term 2 begins – Winter uniform only
29 th	Parents Evening – Yr 1, Yr 4, Yr5 & Yr 6
30 th	Parents Evening – Nursery, Yr2, Reception, & Yr 3
Nov	
4th	Individual and Class Photographs
15 th	Orchard Theatre Trip (Dartford) - Key Stage 2 only
Dec	
2 nd	Flu vaccinations to include Reception & Years 1,2,3,4 & 5
11 th	Gulbenkian Theatre Trip (Canterbury) - Reception & Key Stage 1 only
12 th	Christmas present wrapping room & Christmas party
13 th	Christmas performance – whole school except Nursery

POLITE REMINDER

Elliott Park School has a 'NO NUT' policy, which includes hazelnut chocolate spreads in sandwiches. We have children currently at the school with nut allergies and I'm sure you can appreciate we do not want to put these children in any unnecessary dangers.

Finally, if at any point you have any queries, concerns or worries please do make an appointment to see me before or after school. Contact is encouraged through the homework diary too – so please feel free to write in these too!

I very much look forward to working with you and your child.

Mrs C. Pierpoint