

#### **Starting at Thorns Primary**

Meet the team!

Class Teacher and EYFS Lead: Mrs Homer

Class Teacher: Mr Perks

Reception Teaching Assistant: Miss Norton

Family and Pastoral Support Worker: Mrs Westwood

Deputy Head: Mrs Parkes

Head Teacher: Mrs Jordan

Office Manager: Mrs Cartwright



Induction days: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Morning and afternoon stay and play sessions

**Children grouped in 6's for induction period** 

Full days (8.30am – 3.00pm) start Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October





#### <u>Getting your child ready to start</u> <u>school</u>

- Going to the toilet by themselves
- Getting dressed/undressed (putting on coats)
- Developing independence
- Recognising own name
- Counting to 10

#### Help your child to settle quickly.

## Uniform

- grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafore dresses
- white polo shirts and red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt.
- sensible black shoes no trainers or boots.
- You can purchase logo embroidered uniform if you wish (this is not compulsory) from the school office please ask the office staff for details. (approx. £9.50 per jumper)

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## Uniform

- pair of wellies to keep in school
- waterproof coat
- book bag (available tonight for £4)
- water bottle

Make sure every item of clothing is named.

Please note: A lot of messy play takes place in Reception so uniforms will get dirty.

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# Uniform

- pump bag (available tonight for £4)
- white t-shirt
- black shorts
- Black pumps
- Please ensure every item is clearly marked with their name.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school, apart from one pair of small stud earrings. These must be removed before your child comes into school on the day(s) they have P.E,

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long hair must be tied back.

Staff cannot help children to remove jewellery under any circumstances.

Your child's PE bag needs to be in school every day and is best brought on a Monday and left all week.

### **Bringing your child to school**

- Day starts 8.30am, Reception children enter the classroom from the gated entrance on the playground.
- Reception staff will stand at the gate to greet the children each morning

#### **Thorns Pre-school wraparound care:**

- Breakfast Club 7.40am 8.40am
- After school club session 1 3.15pm 4.15pm



After school club session 2 – 4.15pm – 5.45pm

#### **Collecting your child**

- School finishes at 3.00pm each day
- Children are collected from the fire door and handed to a parent
- Password system and safety arrangements



### Attendance

- First day absence calling
- Medication in school
- Holidays in term time

### Medical Conditions: Speak to Mrs Parkes



#### **Free School Meals**

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free meal every day.
- If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you could be entitled to free school meals throughout school.
- School receives money for each pupil who is entitled but we need your application to process this.
- We will provide a free school jumper to anyone who applies as a thank you!

## Ordering your child's lunches

- Ordering online
- Cashless system
- Login details to follow in September
- Orders will need to placed by midnight for lunch the following day.
- Any problems please speak to staff in the office



# **EYFS Enrichment Fund**

We ask for a contribution of £1 per week to help pay for little extras.

This money will only be spent on resources for your child's class.

The money pays for things like cooking ingredients, craft supplies and real resources for the home corner.

You can pay each week or each term if you prefer. Please send it into school in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Thank you



The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.



It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. Seven Areas of Learning:

- Personal, Social, Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design





### How you can help

- Read often with your child
- Write comments in Reading Journals
- Practise 'tricky words'
- Recognise numbers/count everyday objects
- Attend parent consultations

