

Mrs Johnson and Claire welcome our families to School Readiness at Beaufort Community Primary School

Week 1 - Independence in clothing and toileting

Can your child get dressed for PE and put their own coat on?

- Some children struggle to recognise their things.
- Can your child recognise their name and know where to look for it?
- Can your child manage zips, buttons and their shoes?

Can your child manage independently at the toilet without any accidents?

- Our Reception toilets are separate to the classrooms and usually children will go to the toilet by themselves. Speak to Mrs Johnson if you are worried about this.

We have a worry box if you would like to write down a worry or question we will answer your question next week.

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Week 2 - Fine motor skills

Is your child beginning to write their name?

- Can your child recognise their name?
- Does your child know the initial sound of their name eg B for Bella?
- Break it down if your child is discouraged eg Christopher start with C then h and then build up to the whole name. Try and notice which letters your child finds difficult and show them how to write them correctly eg s.
- If your child can achieve this encourage them to write other things eg simple words like tap, pat, sit, tin etc.
- *Make it as much fun as possible!*

Try to avoid bad writing habits as these can become fixed.

- Encourage correct letter formation and talk about how to form letters eg from the top, down, up, over, circle etc.
- We often see the letter **a** written as a circle with a stick added instead on one continuous movement.

How to develop pencil grip

Can your child hold a pencil correctly?

- Young children need to develop and strengthen their finger muscles in order to gain the correct grip.
- Things to try at home - anything fiddly eg doing up zips, buttons, unscrewing lids, pairing up socks, using tweezers, threading or have a try at dough disco - search it on youtube.
- Different ways to write eg chalking or paint pots and water outside, buying special books or pens especially for reluctant writers its amazing what a spiderman notebook can do!
- Don't panic!
- Writing is an extremely difficult process for young children and they will get there. Try not to pressure your child but make it fun eg if they can chalk on the patio or the outside walls of the house that is so much more fun than sitting down and will maintain their interest for longer. Why not use a stick in the mud?

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Week 3 - Independence in eating

Is your child ready for lunchtime?

- Can they carry their tray?
- Can they make a choice about the food they would like?
- Can they manage a knife and fork?
- Is your child a good eater?
- Does your child have any special dietary needs? Write these on the forms as your child starts school.

At Beaufort we help our children by:

- The teacher will help children in choosing their meal at registration.
- The children have a dedicated midday supervisor.

We will have our snack in the dining hall today and will have a brief look at the Reception classrooms.

At the moment children all in Reception receive a free school meal.

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Week 4 - Developing social skills

What can I do to help at home?

- Play board games together to develop the sense of taking turns.
- Help your child understand that they can't always win or always be first.
- Sharing toys can be difficult for young children, help to develop this at home.

Don't worry if your child has disagreements with their peers, this is all a part of what they are at school to learn.

Thank you so much for coming to our School Readiness group, we hope you have enjoyed it and value your feedback.

Important dates for your diary

- ▶ **Weds 5th July 1.15pm for families who are new to Beaufort (ie who do not attend our Nursery).**
- ▶ A short presentation with Ms Mills our Assistant Head.
- ▶ 1.30 pm – 2.00 pm an opportunity for children and parents to meet their child's and spend some time in their new classroom.

- ▶ **Weds 12th July 9.15am Beaufort morning nursery families**
- ▶ A short presentation with Ms Mills our Assistant Head.
- ▶ 9.30 – 10.00 am an opportunity for children and parents to meet their child's and spend some time in their new classroom. Parents will be free to leave any time after 9.30 am. The children will return to Nursery at 10.00 am and finish the rest of their session in Nursery as normal.

- ▶ **Weds 12th July 1.15pm Beaufort afternoon nursery families**
- ▶ A short presentation with Ms Mills our Assistant Head.
- ▶ 1.15 – 1.20 pm an opportunity for children and parents to meet their child's and spend some time in their new classroom. Parents will be free to leave any time after 1.30 pm. The children will return to Nursery at 2.00 pm and finish the rest of their session in Nursery as normal.

- ▶ *Beaufort children who attend all day may arrange with Mrs Johnson which of the meetings are the most convenient for them to attend.*

- ▶ **Thursday 20th July - Whole school transition day 9.00 – 11.30 am children to come for a visit to their Reception class**
- ▶ Your child will visit their new class and spend time with their new Teacher and Teaching Assistant. Children outside of Beaufort will leave their children for the morning at Reception. For our Nursery children the morning children will attend as normal and be taken to their class. **Afternoon children will attend in the morning instead of the afternoon.** Those daycare children who attend all day on a Thursday will do their normal hours.

Thursday 7th September 2017* 8.55 – 3.15 – Your child's first day at school!

At Beaufort we think it is easier for children to attend full days right from the beginning as this helps them settle into the daily routine.

Please note **Wednesday 6th September is an INSET day.**

A Typical Day in Reception

- ❖ 8.55am Doors Open, coats away and register
 - ❖ 9.00am Wake up, Shake up!
 - ❖ 9.05am Literacy focus
 - ❖ 9.50am Snack time
- ❖ 10.05am Free-flow between outside and inside classroom
 - ❖ 10.30am Numeracy focus
 - ❖ 11.20am Singing
 - ❖ 11.30am Lunch time.
 - ❖ 12.45 Afternoon register
 - ❖ 12.50pm Phonics
 - ❖ 1.10pm Topic
 - ❖ 2.00pm Snack time
- ❖ 2.15pm Free-flow between outside and inside classroom
 - ❖ 2.50pm Story
 - ❖ 3.15pm Home time

(Friday's are different as both classes will have their PE session in the morning)

School Uniform – available from the school office.

- Sweatshirts - £7.50
- Cardigans - £9.50
- Book bag - £4.50
- PE bag - £3.50

- Elasticated trousers/skirts.
- Polo shirt.

- PE kit a white t shirt, black shorts and
- black pumps.

