




Welcome to Reception (Foundation Stage 2)

Foundation Stage 2 offers a warm, caring and stimulating environment. Play is our vehicle for learning and we support and challenge our children to develop a love of learning and to be valued for the super individuals that they are.

May we take this opportunity to introduce the Foundation Stage 2 team this year:

						
Mrs Kitt-Martinez Maple Class Teacher	Miss Haines Oak Class Teacher	Mrs Daukszewicz EYFS Class Teacher	Mrs Hastings Teaching Assistant (Mon-Fri)	Miss Hennessey Teaching Assistant (Mon-Thurs)	Mrs Matias Teaching Assistant (Mon-Fri)	Mrs Chahal Teaching Assistant (Friday)

Later in the Autumn term, there will be a Parents' Consultation meeting to discuss how your child has settled into Foundation Stage 2 as well as the chance for us to discuss the progress they are making and their targets for the next term. It is vitally important for us to work together and give your child all the support and encouragement we can throughout their time with us and we are always happy to chat and discuss concerns or clarify points as they arise. **If you would like to get in touch, please email us direct or call the school office and any messages will then be passed on. We will get back to you as soon as we possibly can.**

The class email addresses are: oak@boynehillschool.org or maple@boynehillschool.org

A few key points to remember to help make your child's first few weeks run smoothly:

- We want to help your child to become as independent as possible so help them to remember their water bottle and coat/sun hat every day.
- Discuss lunches and get your child to talk about their choice so they will be eating something they enjoy. Talk about what is in their lunch box and begin to enable them to open packets/boxes to promote independence.
- Help your child to recognise their name and their group colour.
- Practise putting coats and jumpers/cardigans on and off.
- Make sure **all** clothes are clearly labelled with your child's **full** name.
- Once we start sending them home, please share Guided Reading books with your child and write a positive comment in their yellow diaries about how they have done, as well as discussions you have had with them about the book. We use this to inform part of our reading assessment.

- Please care for and look after **all** books and always store them in a safe place at home. **Please do not put full water bottles in reading folders as these may leak and damage the books.** Lost or damaged books will incur a charge of £5 each.
- Later in the term, you will be given information with login details for your child to access online Rising Stars Reading Planet books to support their phonics learning in class. If at any time you cannot find these details, please let Mrs Davies know as she is the administrator for all the websites we subscribe to
- **PE will be on Friday.** Your child **MUST** come to school on this day **wearing their PE kit.** This includes plain navy blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt under plain navy blue joggers and a school sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with trainers as footwear. PE t-shirts displaying the school logo can be purchased from Goyals.
- Discuss who is picking up/dropping off your child, if it is someone different and if they are going to breakfast/after school club so it is not a shock for them. **We will not let any child go home with unfamiliar people or other parents unless this has been communicated to us or the school office.**
- **There may be a slip to let you know that your child has hurt themselves but this will not be for every little bump. Talk with your child so they are comfortable to tell an adult at school if they have hurt themselves or need help with anything.**
- In the early days, your child may be very tired, which is normal, so it is important that they have a good bedtime routine and time to recharge their batteries.
- **Please make school aware of any appointments during the school day on that morning and if your child is unable to attend school, please ring the school office. If they are going to be in school for lunch, a meal will need to be ordered by 8.55am or we will ask you to bring a home packed lunch. The children are expected to have full attendance unless they are really unwell or contagious. Please do not keep children off for colds or tiredness as we expect all children to have an attendance of over 96% over the whole school year. Regular gaps in attendance will be investigated by the Education Welfare Officer as this has a big impact on their learning.**
- **Please keep up to date with all that is going on through the school's newsletter and the school's website.** You can find this at: www.boynehillschool.org

We have our own class pages and we will be regularly adding photos to the class gallery so you can see what we have been learning at school.

We hope this helps and answers some of your questions. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. It is an exciting time! We are all experienced at helping everyone to settle and feel happy as we continue our learning journeys together.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Kitt-Martínez, Miss Haines, Mrs Daukszewicz and the Foundation Stage 2 team