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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are well rested. We have had a wonderful first 2 days of school and the children settled in well. We wanted to let you know about some key information for the start of the Year.

Our topic this term is 'The wonderful World of Me.' For more details on the rest of our learning this term, please see the topic web on our class page or attached with this letter.

As part of our topic, we will be having a visit from ZooLab on 16th October 2026. We will be learning about how to take care of ourselves and others using the different animals that will come to visit. More details about the visit will be sent closer to the time.

Tapestry-

You will receive an Information and permission letter about our online learning journal system. Please can you fill in the information required and return it to your class teacher by the 18th September 2026. We will need this information to set up your account. You will then receive an activation link email which will enable you to access your account. If you do not receive an activation email by the 25th September 2026, please let us know so we can send a new email.

Reception Baseline Assessment – This is a statutory activity-based assessment of children's starting points in language, communication, Literacy and Maths. During the next two weeks, children in Reception will be supported by their class teacher to complete short tasks using fun and practical resources. Click this link for more information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

P.E. - P.E will be on Wednesdays for both classes, starting next week (Week 2). All children should come in on Wednesday already changed into their P.E kit. They will stay in their PE kit all day. As the weather gets colder, please send your child in blue/black jogging bottoms rather than shorts.



'Love one another, as I have loved you' John 13 v34.

Reading- Further information regarding changing books and reading groups will be sent later in the term and will be available on the class webpage. We would like to remind you that your child will need a school bookbag for the phonics readers and will need these in Autumn Term 2 week 1.

Snack time - All children in Reception are provided with free fruit /vegetable snack on a daily basis so it is not necessary for the children to bring additional snacks for break times. If your child requires a special diet, please only provide fruits or vegetables for snacks that you know they will eat.

School milk - If you would like your child to have school milk at snack time, please register them using the following link to Cool Milk [Lunches & Milk | Benson CofE Primary School](#).

Lunch time – Please remember we are a NUT FREE school when providing packed lunches. Please make sure you cut up grapes, cherry tomatoes (lengthways) in lunch boxes to avoid choking hazards.

School Lunches – All Reception lunches are free of charge, but you will need to order your child's choices online. Your SchoolMoney account should be ready for you to order your child's lunches by Monday 7th September. The children will be able to choose their lunch options in class on Thursday and Friday this week. Please note- When ordering online , you will need to click on the checkout tab once you have selected the lunch to complete the order even though you do not need to pay for the lunch.

Toys from home - We encourage children not to bring toys into school, as they may be lost or broken. Please see the class teacher if your child requires a familiar toy to support settling.

Clothing items- Please remember to label all items of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans as they are easily mislaid.

Going home – Just a reminder that if your child is going home with someone other than their authorised parents/carers then you will need to let the office know by email or phone call in advance. The email for the office is office@benson.oxon.sch.uk

Medicines- Please do not leave any medication in your child's bag. All medications should be handed into the office, and you need to fill in an authorisation form. The office will deliver the medication to the classroom.

Wet Weather – Please can your child bring in a waterproof coat and wellies every day. We go outside regardless of the weather so they will need appropriate clothing to stay dry. We are happy for wellies to be left at school.

Reading with our favourite people-

We would love for you to send in a photo of your child reading their favourite book with their favourite people or pets for a class display. You can send them to the class email or hand in a copy of the photo.

As always, if you have any concerns or need to make us aware of anything urgent, then do come and speak to us. We are normally available at the beginning or end of the day for a quick chat or send us an email beech@benson.sch.uk or elm@benson.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Reception team

Mrs White, Mrs Omer and Mr Morris