



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

Reception Newsletter - April 2018

We hope you and the children have all had a very enjoyable Easter break, and welcome you back to the start of a new term.

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Summer Term Topic (1st half-term) - 'You Are What You Eat'

Our Topic this term is – 'You are what you eat'! (Please see the parent overview for additional details). The children have already discussed the topic with their teachers and have devised some questions they would like to investigate, these are as follows:

R1, Mrs Miller's Class	R2, Miss Flanagan's Class
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happens to food when we eat it? • How do you turn flower into bread? • Why are sugary foods unhealthy? • How can we grow an apple tree from an apple pip? • How does broccoli grow? Is it a tiny tree? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do some foods make us poorly? • Why do some foods that grow in the ground change colour? • How is fruit made? • Why are the seeds different colour to the fruit and vegetables?

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

It is a Government requirement that any adults involved working with children either in the classroom, swimming etc. are required to complete a DBS application form. Please check with the class teacher to ascertain if you are already on the DBS check list. If you have not had a DBS check unfortunately you will be unable to help until clearance has been given. The office staff will send you a link to complete the form online, if you require any assistance in the completion of the form please do not hesitate to ask.

Bicycles & Scooters

Whilst we actively encourage the children to lead a healthy life style, which includes walking or cycling to school, in order to avoid any injuries to others all children must dismount from their bicycles/scooters outside the school gates and push them across the playground. We would also like to remind you that children should not be riding their bicycles/scooters in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day.

Car Parking in Ralph Road

If you travel to school by car, please be considerate when parking as we wish to maintain good relations with our neighbours. Parents should not park on the pavement, block resident's drive-ways and should keep clear of the zig-zag lines outside the school. It is extremely dangerous to carry-out a U-turns on the road as this could endanger the safety of our children. It is highly advisable for the safety of the children that they only get out of the car on the kerb side not the road side.

Swimming Lessons

I should like to remind you that for reasons of hygiene and for the efficiency of the filter system, we require all children - boys and girls - to wear a swimming cap; you may purchase one from the school office for £1.50 if you wish. Please note that jewellery (including earrings) may not be worn for Health & Safety reasons as even small items can block up our filter system.

As you will be aware, we do require help with changing the children from both classes and with collecting and returning the groups to their classrooms. We are most grateful to those mums who have helped with swimming lessons in the past, and would be very grateful if you are able to help if you could sign the list outside the classroom. **Without this vital support the lessons cannot go ahead - so please sign up, even if you are able to help for just one week.**

Should your child have a verruca they may still swim, providing they have a swim sock. These may be purchased from the school office for £1.50 each.

Additionally, in order to control infections in swimming pools, children should not be included in swimming lessons if:

- **they have suffered from diarrhoea at any time in the 7 days prior to their lesson**
- **they have suffered from sickness at any time in the 3 days prior to their lesson**

We should be grateful if you would follow these procedures and inform us accordingly if your child is to abstain from swimming at any time. Please remember that all items, including costumes, towels and bags, need to be clearly marked with your child's name.

Voluntary Contributions (Summer Term £19.50)

Education in the UK is funded by the state for all children unless parents choose to opt out of the system and make alternative arrangements for their child. The level of funding provided by the state ensures a basic level of education is available to all. At Streetsbrook, we know that children benefit hugely from an education that is enriched by a range of practical activities, including welcoming visitors into school, regular cooking activities and weekly swimming lessons. However, these additional activities cost money over and above the level of funding provided by the state. This half term, some of the voluntary contributions will be used to support our new topic including ingredients for our baking session and soil and seeds for a range of growing and planting activities. Contributions will also be used to fund our weekly swimming lessons.

A very sincere thank you to all of you who continue to support the school by paying these contributions. Without your continued support school would not be able to fund these additional activities. The amounts for the summer term are £1.50 weekly, £9.00 for this first half term and £10.50 for the second half term, or should you choose to pay the term in full £19.50.

Payments can be made via ParentPay in the usual way or if you wish to pay by cash please ask at the office and you will be given a bar-coded letter that you can take to your nearest PayPoint store. If you are experiencing any problems with ParentPay, please contact the school office.

Term Dates for 2018-19 & INSET Days

The term dates and Inset Days for 2018-19 have now been confirmed and are displayed in the 'Parent Pages' of the school website. Please note that diary dates are regularly updated and uploaded to the website.

Thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely



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