

Oldfield Primary School

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Firstly, we want to extend a very warm welcome to all our parents and carers. We are really excited about the children joining Oldfield and we are looking forward to getting to know them better. We believe that your child's development is a team effort between school and home, and we really value and appreciate all the support that you give them. We have put together this letter to try to make the transition into this new academic year a little easier, but feel free to email us, via the office, with any questions that you might have.

Firstly, we'll introduce the animals for our classes as well as a little bit about ourselves.

Zebra Class



Zebra stripes are distinctive markings that are like our fingerprints and are unique to each individual zebra. Just like the zebras, we will celebrate all our differences and all the quirks and individual traits that make us unique and special!

Whilst the stripes of a zebra are one-of-a-kind and what makes them stand apart from others; they also cleverly use this to camouflage from predators. They work together within their herd, and stand still, so that the collection of stripes makes it hard to be spotted. Just like the zebras, the children will learn to work collaboratively with their classmates and peers in team, group and paired situations.

A group of zebras are called a "dazzle" and our class will certainly be dazzling everyone with the newfound skills and knowledge! We are so excited to learn together!

Lion Class



Lions are known for being strong, confident and superb hunters but they are also very protective of their families. All adults within our team are looking forward to supporting all of the children in Reception as they embrace all the challenges they experience this year, just like a lion would!

Lions have great courage, fearlessness and resilience. As lions have all these brilliant skills, it shouldn't take long for the children in Lion Class to embrace things if they are tricky. It can also be noted that lions like to relax during their busy days. In Lion Class we will have story times, circle times as well as other quieter moments throughout the school week to balance out all the excitement we will enjoy too!

A group of lions are called a "pride" and we are so excited to see how all of the amazing children grow and achieve so much throughout the year. We will all be bursting with pride!



Miss Wheeler- Zebra Class Teacher



My favourite thing to do at the weekend is to go on adventures with my family whether we're in the woodland and climbing trees, playing games together or going to the park! I enjoy running, going to gigs, getting lost in a great book, hunting for vintage treasures, and consuming far too much coffee and white chocolate!

Supporting in Zebra class we have Mrs Blake, Miss Reed and Miss Ward. On a Friday, when Mrs Blake is not with us, we will have Miss French helping in the morning and Mrs Taylor helping in the afternoon. PPA will be covered by Mrs K Lewis. We are all excited to work with the children!

Mrs Wetson- Lion Class Teacher



When I'm not at school I like learning new things and visiting all sorts of exciting and interesting museums. To relax at home, I enjoy reading and watching any kind of Disney film. However, I love chocolate and biscuits the most!

Lion Class will be supported by Mrs Lewis and Mrs Bedroud (who works Monday-Thursday and will be covering our PPA). We are all really looking forward to having a wonderful year with all the children in Lion Class!

Reminders for Next Week:

Please could you bring your water bottle and morning fruit snack (see below for details) from Monday, as well as waterproofs and change of clothes to keep in school as soon as you have them available.

From Monday, please could you bring your child onto the Key Stage 1 playground for 8.40am and the whistle will go at 8.45am to usher them in. Collection will be from the classroom door at 12pm. Members of staff will direct you from the entry gate in your route in and out of the premises.

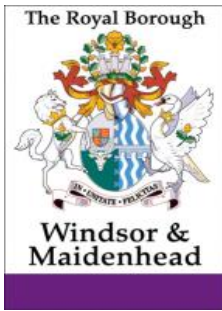
On Tuesday, we will again meet you on the Key Stage 1 playground at 8.40am. Please could your child bring their packed lunch to eat their first lunch in the hall. Collection will be at 1.15pm from the classroom door. Members of staff will direct you from the entry gate in your route in and out of the premises.

On Wednesday, for their first full day, drop off is at 8.40am on the Key Stage 1 playground and collection is from the classroom door at 3.20pm but you will be able to make your own way around as the gates will be open for all parents and carers at this time. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch again on this day but you will be able to order school lunches, if you wish, for Thursday morning onwards. Thank you!

How do I get in contact with Miss Wheeler and Mrs Wetson?

Please always feel free to come and talk to us - whether that's in the playground when we're on morning duty, on the telephone, or you can also email us via the office. In our opinion, there is no such thing as a silly question; so, ask away! You can also arrange an appointment to speak with one of us in a more formal setting if you would like.

We're also going to be sharing relevant documents and information to the Reception website pages.



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When will reading books go home?

When the reading sessions do get up and running later this academic year, your child will receive their Little Wandle reading book **on a Monday**. Please could their **reading books and records stay in their book bags every day** as we have reading sessions throughout the week. Thank you!

We will collect and take in the Little Wandle books each Friday morning as these are used for group reading sessions the following week. The books cost the school £5 each to replace and are like gold dust so we would really appreciate them being returned. Thanks!

On Friday afternoons, your child will bring home a Fun Friday book. Please could these be returned after the weekend. These titles are aimed to be enjoyed together at the weekend and for you to share with your child. They are not phonetically decodable so they are designed for you read them aloud. Any words your child can read are a real bonus though! Your child may also self-select additional books from our class libraries. These are books that are for their child's reading pleasure and may require your support to read. As these titles are for pure enjoyment, these can be read at your own speed and returned when they are finished.

What should they bring to school?

Please could they bring **a named school water bottle full of fresh water** and a **named healthy snack** (vegetables, fruit, but NO nuts) for a morning snack. We ask that children bring their personal belongings to school in a **named book bag**. A change of clothes, or underwear would be great to have in school in case of accidents. As we have limited space in the cloakroom, please **do not send them in with rucksacks unless they have an after-school club that requires a change of clothes**- thanks for your co-operation.

Please could each child have a named pair of wellingtons and a waterproof jacket/all in one outfit that will stay in school. (The middle aisle of Lidl or Aldi do great waterproof items at the moment). These will be regularly used when we are focusing on learning outside, where we might get wet and muddy whilst we're developing new skills! Boxes of tissues would be so gratefully received! Thank you!

When should the children wear P.E kit to school?

The children will be having P.E lessons on Fridays so please can they come dressed in full P.E kit on that day. As the temperature can be very variable at this time of year, please can you ensure that the children are dressed for the weather. Please note that during sessions in the later Autumn, it can too chilly for just shorts and t-shirts. We would recommend Goyals uniform shop (opposite Waitrose) for their Oldfield blue P.E. jumper but Asda & Tesco (and other supermarkets) do the plain navy joggers at reasonable prices.

Miss Wheeler, Reception Zebra Class

Mrs Wetson, Reception Lion Class

