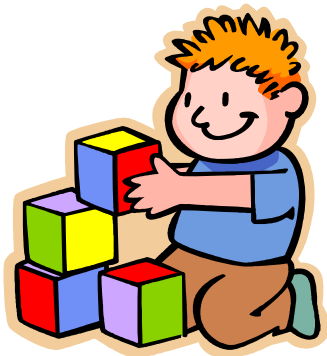


Reception Newsletter Issue 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to Reception! We hope you will enjoy your year with us. Please come and talk to us with any of your questions or concerns at any time.

Tapestry Workshop

Tuesday 27th September 2.15 - 2.45 pm. This is an opportunity for you to come along and learn about your child's on-line Learning Journey.



Emotion Coaching

Due to popular demand we are re-running our Emotion Coaching workshop that we held in July. It will be held on Thursday 29th September at 3.10pm and repeated at 5.30pm. Emotion Coaching is a programme that we run throughout Mount Charles School and all staff have received training. It benefits **all children** and has hugely helped staff here to understand and manage their own children at home. Taking on this approach early in your child's development will help them to control their emotions throughout their lives and will help you as a parent. We strongly urge you to take this opportunity for this invaluable training and you could bring along anyone else who helps you to care for your child.



Water bottles and book bags

Please could you ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school everyday (no juice or flavoured water please!) and also their blue book bag.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO LEARN

- Get them to school on time
- Encourage your child to be independent; dressing, toileting and eating
- Share books and read with your child every day
- Practise maths together (counting, recognising and writing numbers 0 - 20)
- Discuss, explore and question with your child whilst out and about
- Make sure they exercise regularly
- Support school events like parents evenings. This lets you know what is going on and lets your child know that you are supporting them.

Outdoor Play

As a lot of learning will take place outdoors, please could you ensure that your child has a pair of wellies which can remain in school. These can stay on your child's coat peg in a named bag. Also, please ensure that all coats are named.

All About Me

Thank you to those who have already returned their form. If you have not already done so, please complete and hand it in asap.

The form is titled 'All About Me' and has a grid of six boxes for writing. The boxes are labeled as follows:

- Top left: These people live in my home ...
- Top right: Other people who are important to me are ...
- Middle left: I can do these things on my own ...
- Middle right: I find these things difficult ...
- Bottom left: I enjoy ...
- Bottom right: I don't like ...

At the bottom of the form, there are two more boxes: 'Books I like, songs and rhymes I enjoy are ...' and 'Other important things that I want my teacher to know ...'.



PE

PE is on Thursday. Please could your child bring their kit in on Monday and put it in the PE bucket outside the class. We will send it home every few weeks to be washed. Please make sure that **everything** is named including the outside of the bag, as otherwise it is very difficult to reunite lost items with the right child!

Sound Books

Next week the children will begin bringing home a sound book which will contain the sound we have learnt that day. Please practise them with your child and return the book to school everyday in their blue book bag.



Dates of forthcoming events:

27th September **Tapestry Workshop 2.15pm. Come to the main office.**

29th September **Emotion Coaching Workshop 3.10pm and repeated at 5.30pm in the main hall**

Thank you for your support and co-operation.
We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Mrs. Behennah, Mrs. Reid
Mrs. Grubb, Mrs. Manuel, Mrs. Hann and Mrs. Squire