

# Welcome to Christchurch Infant School



# Our Staff

**Headteacher**

Mr Baxter



**Deputy Headteacher**

Mrs Simpson



**Starfish Class Teachers**

Miss Bentley

Miss Sneddon  
(On maternity leave)



**Starfish Class TA**

Mrs Langshaw



**Seahorses Class Teacher & TA**

Miss Ashbee and Miss Roberts

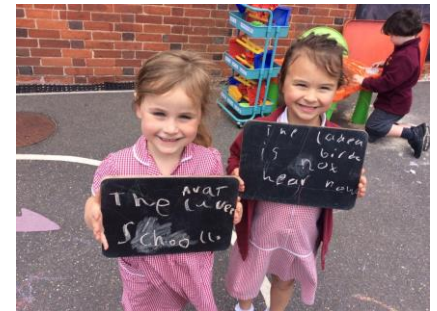


# What happens in Reception?

- “I’ve played all day”!
- Balance of Independent play and adult-led activities.
- We cover 7 areas of learning:

*Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language, Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design*

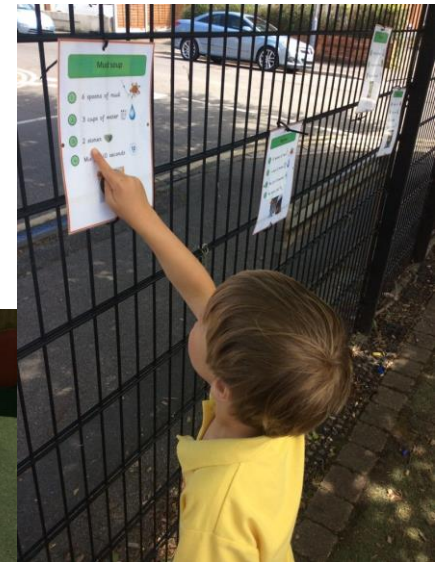
- Learn through play!
- Independent, creative and confident learners.





# Outdoor Provision

We have a well equipped outdoor area which the children have free flow access to throughout the day.

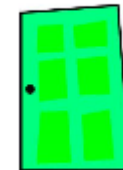


# The first few days

- There will be table top activities.



- As soon as you can, please say goodbye at the door.



- Let your child carry their own things into class and keep their coat on.



# Drinks and Food

- Water bottles - Please make sure this is named and has water only. No screw tops! Please do not put in bookbags.
- Fruit – Every day there will be free school fruit provided. Please provide a piece of fruit in your child's bookbag or lunchbox in case they do not like the school fruit.
- Lunches and Milk – Sign up on Chartwells and Coolmilk. We are a nut free school.



# Uniform



- School Uniform - Please make sure **everything is named.** Including hats, gloves, scarves, coats and shoes.
- You can purchase the uniform from Stevensons online or in store.
- No jewellery is allowed. If your child already has earrings please send them in studs only. You will need tape to cover them for PE days.
- We ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

# Developing Independence

**Please support your child in becoming more independent before starting school.**





# Health Issues



- **Medicines** - These are only administered if your child requires treatment four times a day.
- **Stomach bugs** - Please remember we have a 48 hour clear period before your child can return.
- **Head lice** - Please check regularly and tell the school if your child has them.
- **COVID- 19 symptoms** – If your child has a high temperature or persistent cough then we ask that a PCR test is done. Your child will be sent home if they display these symptoms.



# Ways to support at home

- **Please be on time** – But not too early! The doors open at 8.50am and shut promptly at 9.00am.
- **Bookbags** - Please send in every day and check daily. Record any home reading in the home/school link book. Please no rucksacks.
- **WOW moments** - Please write any special achievements in their home/school link books for us to celebrate at school.

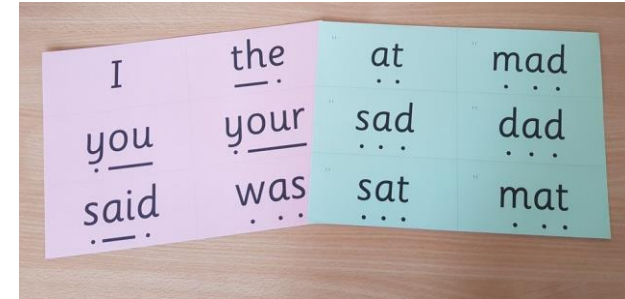
# Reading



Library book



Home reader book



Red and green key words



Phonics practise sheets



# What happens next?



- Collect your Starting School pack on the week commencing -12<sup>th</sup> July from the school office.
- Meet the teacher appointment in school in September.
- Class visit for Starfish on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and for Seahorses on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.
- Your child will then begin school life!

# Further Information

Please look on the school website, under the Children tab, for New Starter 2021 information.

<https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/>

**A typical day at Christchurch Infant School**

Classroom doors open at 8.50am and children are greeted by their class teacher. They put their belongings away and complete a quick activity whilst waiting for their friends to arrive. The teaching assistant will be in the classroom and many children use this time to share their stories from home. To encourage independence, children self-register themselves.

We then move on to complete our daily calendar and a fitness dance such as **Gobble**, to develop our gross motor and co-ordination skills.

The children then take part in an adult-led phonics session. At first this will be whole class and as the children's confidence increases, we split into smaller groups.

Throughout the morning, the class Snack Area is open for children to enjoy a healthy snack of fruit or veg and milk or water. We have 'Snack Maths' where the children have to 'pay' for their snack using **quavers** and later in the year, using plastic coins.

Before playtime, we enjoy listening to a story read to us by an adult or taking part in a school assembly in the hall.

Each day will either be Maths or Literacy based and sessions include a whole class carpet session, small group work and independent activities. We have two PE sessions per week, one indoors and one outside.

At lunchtime we eat our lunch in our classroom with our lunchtime supervisor and then play outside.

In the afternoon, we take part in adult-led sessions based on our half-termly topic and various child-initiated learning, which we call 'Let's Explore'. In this time, the children are free to choose what they would like to do, such as accessing resources in both our classroom and in the shared garden outside.

At the end of the day we take part in daily discussions, show and tell or listen to a story.

## Frequently Asked Questions about Starting School in September 2021

### Should my child start school full time or part time in September?

You know your child the best and all we can advise is to consider how ready your child is for full-time school, their age and experience. The needs of the child are paramount.

### On the information form I gave an indication of when I wanted my child to start full-time at school. Can I change my mind?

#### Before their 'start date' - YES

If you change your mind before the child's start date in September, just make sure you inform the school / class teacher before they start school. You can always have a chat with a member of staff if you are unsure.

#### After their 'start date' - NO

For example - if they have already started part time in September you will have to wait until the October half term for them to go full time. This ensures the smooth running of the classes is maintained and the children are properly introduced to school routines.

Any changes should be discussed with the class teacher who has the best view of how your child is getting on.

### What happens if my child is not coping with full-time - can I revert back to part-time?

The school would advise that if there is any doubt then parents should be cautious and perhaps opt for the October full-time date in the first place. Any change from full-time to part-time would need to be discussed with the class teacher.

### How do we order lunches?

To set up an account with Charwell's who provide our Universal Free School Meals please log onto <https://dorset.myschool.co.uk>. We would advise that you order a whole term's lunches in advance. You can go into your account and change your order at any time. Please phone 01202 891039 if you have any issues.

### How do we order milk?

Log on to [CoDMilk.com](http://CoDMilk.com) to register for milk when you know your child's class for September 2021. Your child will receive a free carton of milk each day until they are 5 years old. Please do order this in advance.

### Where do we buy school uniform from?

Our school uniform can be bought from **Staveopops**. The shop is located at 148 - 150 **Seabourne Road**, Southbourne. Telephone 01202 425192 or alternatively you can order online at [www.staveopops.co.uk](http://www.staveopops.co.uk). To see a full list of uniform and PE kit please follow this link <https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/uniform-information>.

### When does my child need their PE kit in school?

We ask that your child comes into school on their PE days already in their PE kit. You will find out their specific PE days when they start. Our school PE kit consists of a named school PE t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms and a pair of black trainers and/or **quavers**.

## First Day of School

### Where do I go?

Please arrive at your classroom door. If you are unsure where to go, there will be directions from the main office.

### What will happen?

The teacher and teaching assistant will be there to welcome each child into their new class. There will be a selection of toys for the children to choose from. Encourage your child to carry their own items. If they have a coat, it is easier if they wear it, so they have their hands free to carry other items, such as, their book bag and drink.

Leave as soon as you can, as this will help your child to settle in. If you have any concerns about your child leaving you, please have a chat with your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help.

For more information about the school day please refer to the 'A day in the life of...' section.

### What time is the school day?

The classroom doors open at 8.50 am and shut at 9.00 am. Please don't come too early or late as this can unsettle the children. The school day finishes at 3.05 pm.

## Drinks and Food

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle every day, filled with plain water. It should be a sacker topped style bottle, to avoid spillages! Encourage your child to carry their drink bottle in separately, once again to reduce spillages in the book bags.

### Fruit

Everyday there will be free fruit. There will be a picture in the window to tell you what the fruit of the day is and what the fruit will be for the day after. Your child will be encouraged to try it, and if they really don't like the fruit for the upcoming day, please send in a labelled alternative which can be any fruit or vegetable.

### Lunches and Milk

Please see 'Frequently Asked Questions' for more information.



# Funtastic – Before and After school club

<https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/>

Look under the 'Parents' tab on website for more information.

**Contact number:** 07591 705862 or 07791 379792

**Email:** [funtastic101@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:funtastic101@hotmail.co.uk)

We can't wait to see you in  
September!

