



ST. MARY MAGDALENE

C OF E SCHOOL

PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Reception at St Mary Magdalene C of E School. I hope that you are ready to embark on a whole new adventure with your child. My name is Miss Prince and I will be teaching your child along with Miss Farinto. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you to support your child in achieving their full potential.

Our learning this term will be focusing on '**New beginnings**' as well as '**All About Me**'. These topics will enable us to learn about our planet, discover the children's interests and how they learn best. We will be covering all areas of learning through our topics. In the first half of the term, we will be getting to know the children and making sure they enjoy being at school. Our learning will be centered around our book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers where we will focus on finding out about the world around us and the children in our class. We will also be looking at various multicultural artists during black history month. In reception, there is a big focus on writing, reading. Please encourage and support your child to recognise and write their name. Your child will have a daily phonics session and we will let you know which sounds we are focusing on so that you can support their learning at home. In RE we will be thinking about 'Why Jesus is special to Christians' and learning about different festivals.

P.E takes place on a Monday and Friday. It is essential that your child brings their full PE kit to school every Monday and that it remains in school until Friday, when it needs to be taken home for a wash. Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts, jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit top. Please make sure that **all** of your child's belongings are **clearly labelled** with your **child's name**. This will help them to be returned quickly if they are lost or misplaced. Please note that for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

Your child will receive a homework book and each half term, they will receive a homework menu. Full instructions on how to complete the tasks and when to hand them in are explained on the menu.

Miss Farinto will be changing the children's reading books once a week. They will receive two books, a phonics book which will help them with their sounds and a book that they have chosen themselves. Each time your child reads a phonics book, they will receive a sticker for their bookmark. Once your child has collected 12 stickers, they will receive a special reading certificate. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least **three times a week**, this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Each time you read with your child, please make sure you sign their reading record – If you do not sign your child's reading record Miss Farinto will assume that you have not read the books and they will not be changed. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it.

If you have any queries or concerns, please make a note of them in your child's contact book. We look forward to your support while working with your child and helping them get the most from their first term in school.

Kind regards,
Miss Prince and Miss Farinto

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