



St Breock Primary School

Welcome to
Foundation Stage 2
(Reception Class)
Autumn 2020

Learning, Love & Laughter

Child's Name:

House:

Welcome to Foundation Stage Two

Class Teacher: Mrs Lucy Merrick

Foundation Staff

Mrs Emma Simmonds

Head of School

Mrs Siân Hall

Welcome to St Breock Primary School

You and your family are very welcome and we hope that this is the start or continuation of a relationship which lasts for many years. This booklet has been put together to help make your child's first days at school a happy experience and to help them settle in as quickly as possible.

Our School

St Breock is a welcoming and friendly environment in which individual children are nurtured and encouraged to grow with confidence, preparing them for their path ahead. We strive to create a foundation for learning, which is embedded for life. Health and wellbeing is of utmost importance and we seek to develop this so children are able to reach their full potential.

Learning, Love and Laughter is our school motto and is at the core of everything we do. We have developed a Toolkit for Learning, Love and Laughter, which uses the Olympic Values of; determination, respect, inspiration, courage, excellence, friendship and equality as characteristics of a good learner. We ensure the children are able to use this as a language for learning, which builds resilience and independence.



Our Classroom

We have lots of areas to explore inside

Home Corner
Creative area
Mark Making
Maths area
Playdough
Construction
Small World
Reading corner



We have lots of areas to explore outside

**Sand
Water
Bigger construction toys
Games
Chalk
Kitchen
Bikes**



What you need to know about Autumn Term 2020

All children will start on the same day at 9.00 am, with doors opening at 8.45 am. Please enter via the bottom playground and up the slope at the far side to the classroom. The top gate is strictly for Beacons children only.

School hours for FS2 children are 9.00 a.m. until 3.25 p.m. Please collect your child from the bottom playground. Mrs Merrick will bring the children down from the classroom to the playground.



Please be aware that the school closes at

2.25pm

EVERY FRIDAY

For staff planning and training.

Uniform

Our school uniform is bright and smart. Purple sweatshirts with the school logo (available to order via the link on our school website), white polo shirts, navy blue trousers or shorts for the boys and navy blue skirts or pinafores for the girls. Girls can, of course, wear trousers if they want to. Girls may wear gingham dresses in the Summer months. Black shoes and white or navy socks. Navy or purple tights may be worn under skirts or dresses.

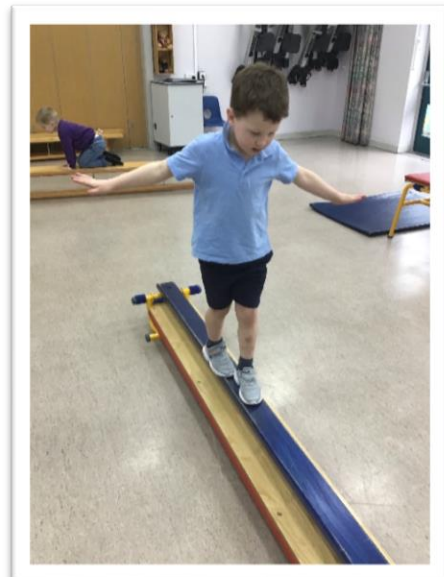
It is very important that uniform is named for very obvious reasons. A laundry marker will do the job admirably, sew-in name tapes can be ordered from "Vivienne's" in the town or online as well as other name stickers. It is absolutely essential that **ALL** items of clothing are clearly named.



PE Bag

The children will need to have a PE bag in school. We prefer this to be of the cloth draw-string variety. Please do not send any other type of bag, especially plastic carrier bags. The bag should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Inside there should be a pair of navy shorts, Velcro trainers and a plain coloured T-shirt. The colour of the T-shirt will depend on the "house" your child is in. If you have an older child already at school the younger sibling will be placed in the same "house", otherwise a "house" will be allocated. All items should be named please. Your child will bring their PE kit home every half term so that it can be washed. Can you please check to see if their trainers still fit them as their feet grow at an alarming rate....as you know! Your child's house and colour can be found on the front of this booklet.

Every Friday children will take part in Sports for All. On this day, your child should come dressed in navy or dark plain bottoms suitable for physical activity and a plain polo T-shirt with their school jumper or cardigan. They will have the option to buy a Sports for All top for this day.



Food

When your child starts school, you will find they are quite tired and hungry at the end of their day. This is quite natural and to be expected.

As part of our programme for Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will provide the children with a mid-morning snack. We consider the development of healthy eating habits to be of paramount importance and therefore children will be offered water to drink and fruit to eat.

The daily fruit or vegetables are provided free of charge through the National School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children will learn about recycling and gain environmental awareness as they compost their fruit peelings in our compost heap!

Universal Free School Meals for Infants

As I am sure you are already aware the government are funding a free school meal for all infant children and this of course includes your child and begins on their very first day of the Autumn Term. In sharing a meal together children learn a wide range of things. It is a time to chat and be sociable with friends, to practise sitting nicely for a sustained period, and to watch others eat foods they may have not tried themselves. This is a VERY effective way of encouraging children to broaden their list of favourite foods and we find children become less fussy when eating with their friends.

The Bistro holds a number of awards for hygiene and food standards. All food is locally sourced and fresh. We do not use foods high in fat, salt or sugar, everything is cooked from fresh. No microwaving at all.

We really encourage you to take advantage of this free meal. We will provide you with our 3 weekly menu so you can indicate your child's preferences. Mrs Jenkins is very skilled at getting to know the children, their likes and dislikes very quickly.

Water Bottles

Please can your child bring a named water bottle with them to school every day. Children will keep these above their pegs and be encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

Welly Boots

Please provide a pair of wellington boots for your child, which will stay at school. We regularly explore the larger field area, the growing area and the Wild Woods. During these sessions we participate in many different curricular activities to extend and challenge our learning in a unique and different way. Please clearly write your child's name on these.



The Practicalities

The First Day

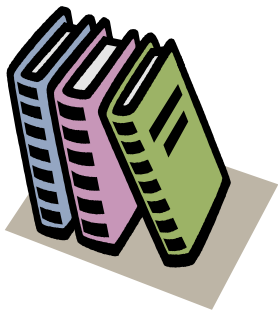
On the first day at school, please help your child find his or her peg in the cloakroom. Your child's name and picture will be above their peg. Please encourage your child to put their own book bag in the box and their water bottle above their peg. School opens at 8.45 a.m. Children should come into school after this time and before 9.00 a.m. Children will soon learn to sit down quietly with the activities we have prepared until we take the register. Should there be any unavoidable late arrival, please use the main entrance and not the classroom door. Thank you.

Don't Worry!

If your child is upset, come into school with him or her, even into class, but try to leave as quickly as you can. They really do recover much faster when you are out of sight! We promise that should your child continue to be distressed, we will ring you. **Please keep us up to date with current telephone numbers and mobile numbers.** It is essential we have the correct information to enable us to contact you in an emergency.

Books

The children who have attended our Early Years' class, St Breock Beacons, will already be used to the routine of carrying their library book in a purple book carrier. All the children in the Reception class will be given one of these bags. For these we charge £4.00.



Bookbags must be brought to school every day as children will begin bringing books home from our reading scheme with a reading record book. This is for us to communicate about your child's reading progress. Please use this book to let us know how your child is getting on with his/her reading at home or to share any concerns you may have. We will hold our Reading Evening soon in the Autumn Term where we will discuss reading in more detail.

Parking

You may not be aware that we do not allow parents to park on school site at any time. I would appreciate if you would adhere to this for the safety of all pedestrians, especially the children. Thank you.

We have in place a one-way system for all parents so that cars may drive up Tremarren Road but NOT DOWN enabling us to relieve the bottle neck outside school and at the entrance to Dunveth Road. Simply put, if you are leaving school please do not drive down Tremarren Road but drive up through Talmena Avenue.

Please also pass this on to other family members if they collect your child.

Further on, when your child is settled into the school routine, we do provide a 'drop off' service where parents can drive into the school entrance where a member of staff waits for children and supervises them being escorted to their class.

The School Office

Our office is staffed by Mrs Paula Barton and Mrs Sam Caddel. Together they will be able to help you with all kinds of things such as uniform, free school meals forms and other useful information. You can contact them throughout the day; they are the source of all knowledge here.

Show and Tell

This takes place every Friday. Please encourage your child to bring in and talk about something that is special to them. This is one of many ways which supports and develops speaking and listening skills. Please leave toys at home for the rest of the week; this will avoid any upset of them getting broken or lost. We would be very grateful for your support with this.



Keeping in Touch

Newsletters are sent out to parents electronically a few times each term and are numbered termly. In addition, we send out a short weekly bulletin. These letters are intended to keep you up to date with everything that is happening in school throughout the terms. If you feel you have missed one, a paper copy is displayed on our outside noticeboard at the front of the school. You will be able to tell easily due to the numbering system! Please read them carefully and make a note of important dates and deadlines.

Alternatively, you could visit our school website to access the latest newsletter and lots more information about the school:

This is our main source of communication with you, so it is vital we have your most up to date email address and mobile phone details.

Apps/Websites

You will need access to the following;

Arbor App - for updating details and receiving messages

The school website - for information, news and links to learning.

Tapestry App or website - for celebrating your child's learning at home and school.

The Parent Pay website - for paying for school equipment and trips as we do not have cash in school.

The School's Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter pages - to keep up to date with all that is going on

If you are new to the school, we are able to support you with setting these things up once your child is enrolled with us.

Health

Please do not let your child make the decision about attendance. Adults **must** take that responsibility. Being at home with Mum or Dad is the best place for a child who does not feel well. Some children will protest to return to school, but you know your child and will be able to judge the best course of action to take. Here are some guidelines to help you:

- * No child should attend with a temperature.
- * Gastric upsets need 48 hours for recovery after the last bout of diarrhoea or sickness. If children return to school too early they bring infection with them and their resistance is low.
- * Conjunctivitis is extremely contagious and should be treated before the child returns to school.
- * Children on antibiotics should really be at home unless the doctor advises otherwise.
- * Whilst we can administer prescribed medicines in school, please note that parents must complete and sign an information sheet detailing dosage (available upon request in the classroom). Administering of non-prescribed medicines (e.g. Calpol) is at the discretion of the Head of School.
- * The school should be notified of any infectious illness, so other parents can be warned.
- * If you find your child has head lice, please report the case to school and keep your child at home until you have treated the whole family. Advice can be obtained from the School Nurse Team on 01208 256808.
- * Parents whose children suffer from asthma will be asked to complete an asthma plan. Children will have free access to their own inhaler but be supervised in its use.
- * It is a school policy to contact parents if a child is unwell at school.
- * Please inform us by phone between 8.30 and 9.00am on 01208 815900 if your child is not well enough to attend school.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Specific Areas

Literacy

Maths

Understanding
the World

Expressive Arts
and Design

Prime Areas

Personal Social and
Emotional Development
Communication and
Language
Physical Development

Enabling
Environment

Positive
Relationships

Our Foundation 1 class, St Breock Beacons, and the Foundation 2 class form the *Early Years Foundation Stage* (Key Stage One begins in Year One). We work towards the Early Learning Goals, which are organised into the seven areas of learning shown above.

Our Toolkit for Learning,
Love and Laughter

Determination

Respect

Inspiration

Equality

Courage

Friendship

Excellence

Jigsaw Theme Fundamental British Values Physical Skill – KS2 5 Ways to Wellbeing The equality act	Wk1 Celebrating people who....	Wk2 Celebrating people who....	Wk3 Celebrating people who....	Wk4 Celebrating people who....	Wk5 Celebrating people who....	Wk6 Celebrating people who....
Toolkit for Learning, Love & Laughter. Trauma Informed School Approach. RE Curriculum. PE Curriculum. ICT Curriculum.						
Aut 1 Being Me in My World Mutual Respect Passing & Moving Connect	Help Others to feel welcome Assm – My World Respect	Try to make our school community a better place Assm – St Breock Appreciation	Think about everyone's right to learn Assm - Tololokit Consideration	Care about others feelings Assm - Kindness – The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse Regard	Work well with others Courtesy	Choose to follow the learning charter Kind
Class Focus – Toolkit for Learning, Love & Laughter/ Talk Partners - Communication						
Aut 2 Celebrating differences Democracy & Tolerance Attacking & Defending Keep Learning Diversity	Accept that everyone is different Assm – Celebrating Difference Determination	Include others when working and playing Assm - The Great Big Book of Families - To understand what diversity is. Conviction	Know how to help if someone is unhappy Dedication	Try to solve problems Persistence	Try to use kind words Assm -Kindness – The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse Integrity	Know how to give and receive compliments
Class Focus – Diversity in religion, beliefs, lifestyle – visits						
Spr 1 Dreams and Goals Individual Liberty & Rule of Law Flexibility, control & balance Take Notice Choices	Stay motivated when doing something challenging Assm – Dreams & Goals Inspiration	Keep trying even when it is difficult Assm - Dog's don't do ballet – choices – dreams and goals – support Motivation	Work well with a partner or in a group Assm – The Rule of Law Assm KS2 – Holocaust Remembrance Enthusiasm	Have a positive attitude Assm – Take notice to improve our day Energy	Help others to achieve their goals Assm - "What's the bravest thing you have ever said? Asked the boy, Help said the horse. The B, M, F & H Safer Internet Day Vision	Are working hard to achieve their own dreams and goals Assm - "What is over there ? It's the wild don't fear it!" The B, M, F & H
Class Focus – Aspirations – Primary Futures						
Spr 2 Healthy me Strength & technique Be Active	Have made a healthy choice Assm - Lent Excellence	Have eaten a healthy balanced diet Quality	Have been physically active Assm – St Piran Choice	Have tried to keep themselves and others safe Ownership	Know how to be a good friend and enjoy healthy friendships Assm – Marmaduke	Know how to keep calm and deal with difficult situations
Class Focus – Health & Wellbeing Fortnight						
Summer 1 Relationships Striking & Fielding Connect	Know how to make friends Assm - Relationships Equality & Friendship	Try to solve friendship problems when they occur Assm – Madame Badobedah – friendship Gracious	Help others to feel part of a group Assm – Team St Breock Generous	Show respect in how they treat others Harmony	Know how to help themselves or others when the feel upset or hurt Agreement	Know and show what makes a good relationship
Class Focus – Friendship & Relationships						
Summer 2 Changing me Personal best Give Unique	Understand that everyone is unique and special Assm – Changing Me Courage	Can express how they feel when change happens Assm - We're all Wonders Spirit	Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves Tenacity	Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people Assm - "We love you whether you can fly or not" - The B, M, F & H Bravery	Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	Looking forward to change Class Focus – Moving on

And Finally ...

This is a very important time for you and your child. Your child is starting on a new adventure which will last for at least twelve more years! It is vitally important these years are happy ones and we do everything possible at St Breock to make the primary years special for your child. In Early Years Education we lay the foundations for the future. Our role is so important and we strive for excellence in the classroom.

You play an enormous part in this adventure. Educating your child involves us all and you can help in so many ways to promote a positive approach to education. We value our very strong links with parents and we know the children benefit as a result.

This may be your first child to start school. It may be the last of many! The emotions will be the same, hoping the children are happy and not upset in any way. You may be more upset than they are on the first day, but it gets better. Honestly! If there are any problems at school, we will always let you know either by phone or by seeing you at the end of the day. So please try not to worry.

Lastly, if you are concerned about anything at all, please come and see us. Talking will allow us to be aware of the problem and we will then be able to do something about it. We know your children are very special to you, they are already or will quickly become very special to us also.

Any questions or queries please email us at hello@stbreock.org.uk

