

# Starting School

## (Delightful Dragons)



Welcome to Dragon Class at Tenbury Primary Academy. We have put together some useful information to help ensure a smooth transition for your child as he/she enters into school. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if any problems occur and we will do our very best to help.

Most of the children now have a book bag in their house colour. Please ensure that these are brought into school every day. Each child will be encouraged to place their own book bag in their named tray. Not only does this give children a sense of belonging but it also aids the safe delivery of school letters, reading book/diary etc to whoever collects your child from school.

Just a reminder:

- Milk is free until your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Fruit is free and is available every day.
- School dinners are free.
- Water bottles can be brought into school if desired



P.E., dance, drama etc, will take place on the same days each week. 'Dragon Class' allocated days are Tuesday afternoons and Friday afternoons. The children will need to come to school dressed ready for P.E. They will be staying in their P.E clothes for the rest of the day.

Forest Schools will take place for each child on alternate Monday afternoons (please see Forest Schools list). Your child will need old, warm and waterproof clothes. Wellies are also encouraged but please make sure they are named.

Each week, your child will be given a 'Story Sack'. Please make sure the story sacks are complete on return. The contents are clearly labelled on each sack. Please don't be alarmed if your child brings home the same story sack several times. It may be that it is their favourite story book.

Phonics (RWI) is taught in class daily and sounds are sent home in small sets weekly in a learning bag. Please make sure the learning bag is kept inside your child's book bag. When your child has completed a set, a new set will be given to them. Eventually, your child will move onto words. Please encourage your child to enjoy each set of new sounds.

If your child enjoys writing, then he/she could also practise writing the letter for each sound. A letter formation sheet is attached for this purpose. Please remember that some children will learn quicker than others and it could take days or even weeks for them to learn each letter sound.

Each day, the children will have the opportunity to independently look at books. Each week, they will also bring home a book to share with you. Please record your child's chosen book in their school diary and tell us what they liked or disliked about the book. We really enjoy reading your comments in the diary! When your child is ready, he/she will begin group reading.

Each morning the doors to the coat area will be opened at 8.45 am. I will be available during this time to discuss any relevant information and answer any questions you may have.

We will be having class worship every day in class, where we will learn about and discuss our 'Whole School Value'.

Healthy Schools' Tuck Shop takes place every Friday and is available to all Reception children. It would be helpful if your child brings their money to school in a named purse or sealed envelope.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you have any concerns. We value your input in your child's education and by working together we can ensure that your child has a happy and productive year in Dragon Class.

Many Thanks

Mrs Baker

