

Welcome Pack

Reception - September 2023

Information for Parents and Carers



Starting School at Leighton

May/June 2023	<p><u>Preschool and Nursery Visits</u></p> <p>Teachers will contact pre-school settings and visit children. Teachers will meet preschool and nursery practitioners to discuss the children and share information.</p>
July 2023	<p><u>Visits to School</u></p> <p>Children are invited to attend school for a transition visit on the following dates;</p> <p>Wednesday 28th June- 9.30-11.00 With parents or carers.</p> <p>Wednesday 5th July - 9.30-11.00 Without parents or carers (Herlington children Thursday 6th July)</p>
September 2023	<p><u>Family Visits to School</u></p> <p>Families are encouraged to visit the classroom to meet the teachers and staff. Each family will have the option of scheduling a thirty-minute visit on Monday 4th September or Tuesday 5th September.</p> <p><u>Dates for Starting School</u></p> <p>Wednesday 6th September 8.45-12.45 (including lunch)</p> <p>Thursday 7th September 8.45-12.45 (including lunch)</p> <p>Friday 8th September - children will attend school for the full day (8.45-3.15pm)</p> <p>From Monday 11th September the children will continue to attend school full time.</p> <p>Occasionally, a child may need to continue with part time hours for longer to support a successful move to school. If this is the case, parents/carers and school staff will arrange to discuss this.</p>

Uniform at Leighton

Leighton school sweatshirts and cardigans are navy blue. Grey trousers, shorts, skirts and dresses can be worn with white, navy or blue polo shirts. Summer dresses with a blue checked design can also be worn when it is warmer. Uniform of these colours can be bought in supermarkets.

If you would like to purchase uniform and a book bag with the Leighton school logo on then you can order them online from Chroma Sport or visit the store in Wulfric Square, Bretton, PE3 8RF.

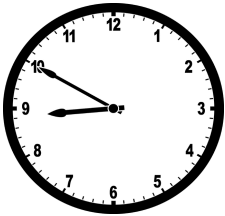
A book bag is recommended for your child to use to protect the books they will bring home.

<https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/leighton-primary-school>

Please clearly name all items of uniform including shoes and bags.

School shoes need to be black, flat and sensible so that children can run and play safely in them.





School starts at 8.45 am

Please make every effort to arrive on time at the park gate at the back of the school. **The gate will be opened by the Site Manager at 8.40am.**

We encourage the children to enter the classroom independently. Please say goodbye to them at the door.

The staff will take the children into their classroom to help them put their things away, wash their hands and settle into their early morning activities. Our routine will be the same every morning.

Teachers understand that it can be hard to leave your child for the first time, but please try to leave with a smile. A member of staff will always call you if there is a problem.



Collecting your child at 3.15pm

Please wait outside the classroom doors which will be opened at 3.15pm. The teachers dismiss one child at a time to make sure that each child gets to their adult safely. **It is extremely important that each child is passed safely to the correct adult and staff will need extra time for this at the beginning of the year. Please be patient.**

If you have planned for a different adult to collect your child, he/she must be on your child's contact list held by the school office. Please email the school office for a form if you need to add another adult. officeadmin@leightonprimary.net

Please let your child's teacher know in advance when a different adult is collecting so that they are prepared. The teacher will ask the adult for their name to check this against the name on the contact list. If the person wishing to collect is not listed on the contact list, Mrs Ward will be informed and she will decide what will happen next.

Please make every effort to be on time so your child has a calm, happy end to their school day. Occasionally parents/carers are held up unexpectedly and cannot collect on time. If this happens, please contact the school office immediately, so that the teacher can be informed. Your child will wait in the classroom until you arrive.

Water Bottles

Please provide a bottle filled with water only for your child to have in school every day. Water bottles are on sale at the school office or you can buy a bottle from elsewhere. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day whenever they need it and are refilled as needed. **Please name your child's bottle.**

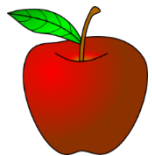


Milk

Children under five receive free milk which is delivered to school and served at snack time. They can have free milk up until their 5th birthday.

Snack

Each day your child will be able to visit the snack table where they will be able to eat a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable. This may include tomatoes, apples, pears, bananas, oranges or carrots. On the first day back after a holiday, children are usually offered a packet of dried fruit such as raisins.



School Dinners

Our kitchen staff create fresh, healthy hot meals every day in our school kitchen. There is always a meat and vegetarian main meal on offer or a jacket potato. We hope that all the children will enjoy the cooked school meals.

School lunches are free for children in reception until the end of Year 2.

A packed lunch can be brought in from home if parents/carers feel that this is best for their child. Please make sure healthy options are included. **Nuts, chocolates, sweets or fizzy drinks are not allowed.**

Children are encouraged to be independent when eating, however reception children are always helped if they need support.

The Reception lunchtime is 12-1pm. After lunch the reception children have time to play outside on the playground.

P.E.

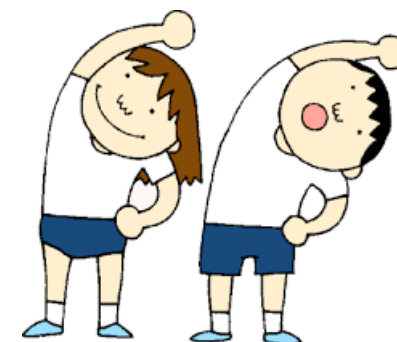
Each class will have a P.E. lesson each week. The children look forward to these times and enjoy being able to use equipment and move freely. Our PE day will be confirmed in September.

Your child will need to wear their P.E. kit to school and stay in it all day. The children cannot get changed in school.

The PE kit needs to include black or navy shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and a white or blue t-shirt or Leighton PE shirt (which can be purchased from Chroma Sports). Trainers can be worn on PE days with your child's PE kit.

Long hair needs to be tied up.

Earrings: For safety reasons, **children are not allowed to wear any earrings on our PE day.** On other days, only stud earrings may be worn. **No hooped earrings please.**



Spare Clothes

Sometimes children have toileting accidents, spill drinks or get wet outside. It would be helpful if your child has a set of spare clothes in school to change into if needed. Children can sometimes become upset and worried if they need to change and it makes them feel better to wear their own clothes which they are more comfortable in.

Please name all items and send them into school in a named carrier bag which will be kept on your child's peg until needed.

Behaviour

It is always our aim to develop positive, nurturing relationships with children and support them in learning to regulate and understand their behaviour. Staff provide good role models for children by demonstrating expected behaviours and work to create a learning environment where children are always encouraged to do their best. Good behaviour is praised and children's achievements are celebrated.

Specialised behaviour support from Mrs Bilby, our school SENDCo, may be needed. When children need extra guidance and support to behave well, it is important that parents/carers and school staff work together to help the child.

Outdoor Play

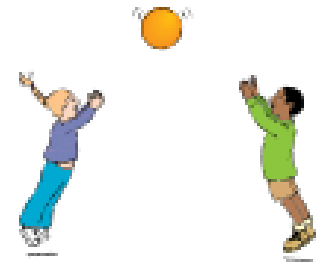
As you know, children in Early Years settings, including reception classes, are encouraged to play inside and outside.

During our Busy Learning times each day, children have the opportunity to play outside. The outdoor area is only closed if the conditions are unsafe, for example, if there is a storm.

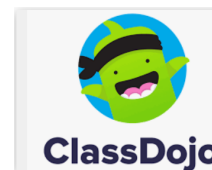
Please make sure your child has suitable clothes for the weather.

Children are encouraged to dress warmly in winter with hats, scarves, gloves and coats.

In hot weather, please apply sunscreen to your child before school and send a named bottle of sunscreen to school so your child can re-apply it before lunchtime. Staff can help your child by putting sunscreen on their hands/skin but children need to rub it in by themselves. Sunhats are also needed.



Class Dojo



We use an App called 'Class Dojo' to reward children with points for good behaviour and academic achievements. We will send you a link to activate your account by email. We will also send messages and reminders via the app. Class Dojo will also be a way in which we can share photos and information about your child's progress.

Preparing your child for school

Here are some ideas of things you can do with your child to prepare them for school. You may already do these things or have other equally valuable things that you do. Everything will help.



Paint, draw, chalk and make marks and pictures.

Count anything – steps, jumps, claps, toys, fruit.



Play and climb at the park.



Get dressed independently.



Encourage your child to use the toilet on their own and wash their hands.



Talk about everything!

