

Welcome to St. Teresa of Lisieux



EYFS Reception 2020



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Staff

- ▶ **Head Teacher**

Mr. A. Tremarco

- ▶ **Foundation Stage Leader**

Mr. D. Gilroy

- ▶ **Class Teachers**

Mr. D. Gilroy

Miss. J. Sloan

Staff

- ▶ **Other important people in school**

- ▶ **Deputy Head Teacher**

Ms. K. Warner

- ▶ **School Business Manager**

Mrs. C. McMullen

- ▶ **Learning Mentor**

Mr. A. Murphy

- ▶ **SENDCo.**

Mrs. A Philip

Your Class Teachers



- ▶ Mr. Gilroy
- ▶ ELM class
- ▶ (EYFS Leader)



- ▶ Mrs. Sloan
- ▶ OAK class

Transition and Settling In

- ▶ **As you will be aware, the smooth transition of your child into full time education has never been more important.**
- ▶ You are invited to attend a short Parent Meeting with your child's class teacher, before your child starts school, on Wednesday 2nd September or Thursday 3rd September.
- ▶ **You must book your preferred time slot for this meeting through the School Parent App.**
- ▶ If you have not yet signed up to the school parent app please do so as we will share future information and updates through this.
- ▶ **To ensure a smooth transition we will be starting children over several half day sessions.**
- ▶ Friday 4th September
- ▶ Monday 7th September
- ▶ Tuesday 8th September
- ▶ **From Wednesday 9th September all children will be in school full time.**

The school day

- ▶ Reception doors open, to start the school day, at 8.45am and close at 9.00am.
- ▶ Children will line up by their class door and be met by a member of staff.
- ▶ Breakfast club runs from 7.45am - 8.45am (£1 per day). You will need to register your child for breakfast club at the school office.
- ▶ We begin our learning with morning activities straight away so punctuality is very important.
- ▶ The school day finishes at 3.00pm - Reception doors close at 3.15pm, please be patient as we dismiss your child.
- ▶ Please let us know if a different adult will be picking up your child at the end of the day.
- ▶ We recommend dropping off and collecting younger siblings first so that we have time to settle children and avoid them being upset.

Lunch time

- ▶ **All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.** (this is a universal offer to all children and is not means tested).
- ▶ Food for Thought are our school caterers - you can find more information about our delicious meals and see example menus here www.foodforthoughtliverpool.co.uk
- ▶ **Children will be offered daily, healthy, nutritional meals from the menu - there will be multiple hot options and a cold options.**
- ▶ We are a healthy school and have gained the Healthy Schools Award.

Snack

- ▶ **£1 per week.**
- ▶ Available to your child throughout the day in Reception.
- ▶ **Consisting of milk or water, with several options of fruit, toast, pancakes, brioche buns, crumpets, cheese and crackers.**
- ▶ Milk is free until a child turns 5, after which there is a small charge if you wish for your child to continue to receive milk.
- ▶ **Any child entitled to Free School Meals will continue to receive milk free once they have turned 5.**
- ▶ Please let us know of any allergies.

Uniform

- ▶ From Reception to Year 6 all children are required to wear the school uniform every day.
- ▶ Blue school jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan,
- ▶ White polo shirt with school logo,
- ▶ Grey trousers/shorts or skirt/pinafore,
- ▶ Black school shoes (we recommend Velcro shoes that children are able to manage themselves) - **trainers are not permitted!**

Uniform Continued

- ▶ Children will require their own book bag.
- ▶ This should be a blue school book bag - available from the school office.
- ▶ We do not have space to store bags larger than this so please refrain from sending you child with anything other than a school book bag.
- ▶ To promote independence and aid your child when in school, we recommend that all uniform choices are able to be managed by each child themselves wherever possible.
- ▶ Please clearly label all of your child's clothing with their name including coats and shoes etc.
- ▶ All uniform is available to purchase from **Unit-form** on Muirhead Avenue East L11 **Brienda's** on Muirhead Avenue East L11, and **Lisa's School Wear** on Priory Rd L4.

PE Information

- ▶ You will be informed of your child's PE day in September.
- ▶ Children will require their own PE kit in a school draw string PE bag. (again we do not have space to store anything larger than this).
- ▶ PE kit consists of blue school PE shorts/tracksuit pants, white school PE top and black pumps.
- ▶ Please clearly label all PE kit with your child's name, including pumps and bag.
- ▶ PE kits should remain in school and will be sent home to be washed each half term.
- ▶ PE kit is also available to purchase from **Unit-form** on Muirhead Avenue East L11 **Brienda's** on Muirhead Avenue East L11, and **Lisa's School Wear** on Priory Rd L4.

School Parent App

- ▶ **We ask and encourage everyone to download the School's ParentApp.**
- ▶ The app is available through The App Store and Google Play - search for "PA Connect".
- ▶ **This app will keep you up to date with any messages, letters, class information etc.**
- ▶ You will be able to report your child absent and amend your contact details on the app.
- ▶ **You will also use the app to make appointments for parent meetings throughout the year.**

Pupil Premium

- ▶ **Some children will be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding.**
- ▶ For each child who is registered to claim free school meals, school will receive £1345 per primary pupil.
- ▶ **This is money that is set aside by the government to support children who meet certain criteria - this extra funding is used by school towards resources to support these children.**
- ▶ Some criteria for additional funding include;
 - Children of families entitled to Free School Meals
 - Children of families entitled to certain benefits such as Universal Credit
 - Children who are in care or have previously been in care
 - Children who are recorded as being in service families.
- ▶ **You can check you eligibility using this link**
<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Medical Matters

- ▶ Please let us know if your child has any allergies or health concerns (including asthma).
- ▶ Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- ▶ Any absence must be reported via the school app or telephone call explaining why as soon as your child is absent.
- ▶ Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- ▶ Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement and forms filled in at the office - inhalers etc.
- ▶ Screening takes place during the school year for height & weight as well as sight tests.

A Typical Day in Reception

- ▶ Name and number writing practice
- ▶ English Direct Teaching
- ▶ Child Initiated Continuous Provision (including outdoors) with additional Adult Directed Tasks
- ▶ Phonics Direct Teaching
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Mathematics Direct Teaching
- ▶ Child Initiated Continuous Provision (including outdoors) with additional Adult Directed Tasks
- ▶ Collective Worship
- ▶ Class Story

On some days this would include Direct Teaching of P.E., R.E., P.S.H.E.

Phonics and Reading

- ▶ **Children will begin learning letter sounds straight away.**
- ▶ **Daily phonics sessions - dependent on each child's needs.**

- ▶ **Children will be given picture books to start reading at home.**
- ▶ **When your child knows their letter sounds they will be moved onto books with words which match their progress.**

- ▶ **Books will be changed once a week on specific days for different children.**
- ▶ **Please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day.**

- ▶ **Phonics activities will be sent home regularly for you to practice at home.**
- ▶ **Please could you read with your child daily at home.**

Your Child's Learning Journey

- ▶ We use an online Learning Journey tool called Tapestry to record children's learning in Nursery and Reception.
- ▶ You can log on and access what your child is doing and you will be sent observations of your child.
- ▶ Parents can also add observations to share with us the learning that takes place outside of the school.
- ▶ There is a permission form provided which you will be required to complete before your child's account can be activate and permission given for you to have access.

Preparing Your Child for School

- ▶ **Each year we encourage parents/guardians to support their child with their independence of Health and Self-Care before starting school.**
- ▶ This is important every year but especially during the current situation. It will make life easier for your child if your child can master these self-care skills before they start school;
- ▶ **Washing their hands**
- ▶ **Using a tissue**
- ▶ **Going to the toilet**
- ▶ **Feeding themselves**
- ▶ **Dressing and undressing**
- ▶ **Tidying up**
- ▶ You can find some ideas and tips in the ‘Preparing Your Child for School’ document attached to this email.

What Happens Next

- ▶ Download the School Parent App and sign up for your Parent meeting on Wednesday 3rd September or Thursday 4th September.
- ▶ Complete any online forms and return via email to eyfs@stteresas.co.uk
- ▶ Remember to use the online checker to see if you can claim free school meals.
- ▶ Read through the 'Preparing Your Child for School' document and try to complete some of the activities.
- ▶ In September, your child will attend a half day session on Friday 5th September, Monday 7th September and Tuesday 8th September.
- ▶ Your child will start school on a full time basis on Wednesday 9th September.
- ▶ Inform your child's class teacher of any food allergies.
- ▶ The school will follow advice from the Local Council and Government and will inform you of any changes to this information.

Thank you



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