



CHITTLEHAMPTON
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Routines:



Breakfast club: 8am-8:50am - please book with Mrs Bunyard in the School Office. Forms are available from school office or from our web site.

School starts 8:50am

Taw Class cloakroom door will be unlocked at 8:45am. Normally, children are dropped off by Taw cloakroom door; *however we will let you know if any changes are still in place due to Covid19 restrictions.* We encourage independence and ask you to drop them off at the door, unless they particularly need settling in.



Break times:

- Children in Taw Class are provided with a piece of fruit for snack time.
- Healthy snacks are allowed at break time.
- **CHOCOLATE BARS AND SWEETS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- Please also reiterate to your child that they are not allowed to share their food with anyone else due to possible allergies.

Lunchtimes: 12pm-1:30pm

- Children are expected to have good table manners and sit and eat quietly.
- Mid-day supervisors are there to help. They will leave any uneaten food in child's lunch boxes. (Yoghurt pots/fruit peeling etc can be put in the bin.)



- Order forms for hot lunches are sent out weekly for the following week.
- The days your child has hot lunches can vary from week to week.
- Reception & KS1 are entitled to free school meals.
- Alternatively you may send in a packed lunch box.

Picking up at 3:30pm

- Please wait on the school driveway and your children will only be sent out when we can see you.



After School Clubs: as advertised on the school newsletter



Communication:

- **BOOK BAGS:** these should come to school *each day*. They only need to contain:

- yellow reading diary

- reading book/keywords/other homework

- “Learning books”: these are for children to use as they wish.

Ideas include drawing or writing about the topic; finding pictures from magazine to stick in, writing numbers etc.



- A curriculum newsletter is sent out once a term, and displayed on website, indicating what topics/objectives we will be covering.

- A weekly class email is sent home to inform parents about what we have been learning during that week as well as what we will be learning the following week. This will also include spellings and maths **activities to complete at home.**

- Once a term we have class '**tea parties**' when (Covid permitting) you are invited into the class to share in your child's learning. They are lovely opportunities to see how your child learns, participate in activities and meet with other parents. We love these sessions and they have always proved very worth while.

- We will keep you informed of your child's progress through informal chats/parents evenings but primarily with their 'Tapestry Online Learning Journey'. These are updated throughout the week and are a lovely keepsake of your child's first years at school, containing photos, comments about what they can do. Once we have activated an account for you, please add your own comments and observations of what your child has done at home.
- Little Acorns receive a short termly report and all receive a summary of their overall progress at the end of the academic year.
- You will receive a fortnightly school newsletter containing general information; dates and what has been happening within our a school community.



- If you are interested in helping in school; joining the "**Friends of Chittlehampton School**" or there are any skills you could offer please let us know. The FOCS are a small group of parents that help organise events such as fetes, tea/coffees for events, fundraising etc. Any amount of your time will be greatly valued!
- Please feel free to come and see us/make an appointment if there are any issues, however big or small, that are concerning you.

Helping your child to settle at school.

Children will vary in their emotional reaction to the changes taking place and in the length of time they take to settle.

Common reactions on entering a new setting unaccompanied include:

- Walking in without a backward glance,
- Protesting loudly on separation but settling within a few minutes,
- Walking in without a backward glance for the first few weeks then showing signs of anxiety,
- Unsettled on and off throughout the first few weeks but gradually improving.

All these reactions can be difficult for a parent to deal with but it is important to remain calm and consistent. An anxious parent can lead to an anxious child!

Saying goodbye:

Smile and reassure your child that you are coming back later, hand him/her over to the teacher and walk away.

If your child won't settle, the teacher will be happy to discuss ways to help him/her.

Avoid early morning stress!

Prepare as much as possible the night before:

- uniform, shoes, lunchbox, book bag and P.E. kit

Allow plenty of time and form a routine:

Wake up, cuddle, wash and dress, eat breakfast, pick up things needed and off you go!



“Things to remember”:

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED

Thank you in advance! It really does help us, and helps in returning items back to their correct owners 😊



School jumpers and P.E. kit are available from Maritime Motifs, Southerly Road, South Molton EX36 4BL Tel 01769 572727. School Bags are available from school.

Child's independent skills:

- Put things away by themselves - both teacher and parents to encourage children to do this.
- Manage own clothing - generally and for P.E. lessons:
 - put on coats and zip/button up
 - put on shoes,
 - attempt to put on gloves/hat
 - shoe laces are not advisable!*
- During hot weather we ask that children have a sun hat in school.
- Please apply sun cream before they come to school.
- Wellies and a waterproof are required so we can utilise our garden and field in all weathers. Children are asked to have clothes suitable for Forest Schools in school too.



- Children are taught to ask to leave the classroom/playground for any reason, such as going to the toilet.
- Toys are **not** encouraged in our class due to them getting lost or broken.
- 'Show and Tell': children may bring in something of interest that is linked to our current topic or share news during circle time.
- Children may regularly change their library book from the class library.
- Children should only have *water* in their bottle. Please do not put drinks bottles in book bags!
- Medicines: Parents need to fill in a form and sign (available from the office or from our website) if your child needs to take medicine within the school day.
- Please contact the school by 9:30am if your child is unwell and will be absent, and adhere to our school rules about children returning to school after bouts of sickness etc.



We look forward to working with you and hope you will enjoy your child's learning journey with us here at Chittlehampton Primary School.