

# New to Reception Parents' Info 2023-2024

Welcome to St Anthony's Nursery



# Staff



Katy - EYFS Lead  
and Nursery Class  
teacher.



Megan -  
teacher

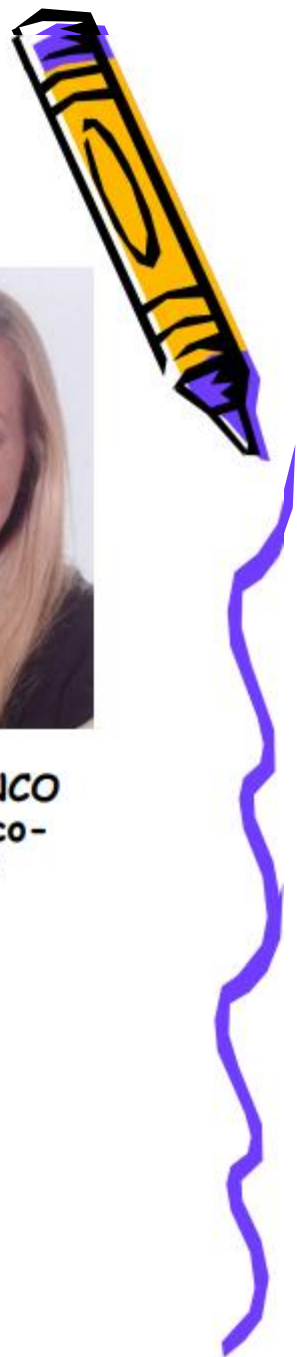


Shannon -  
teacher



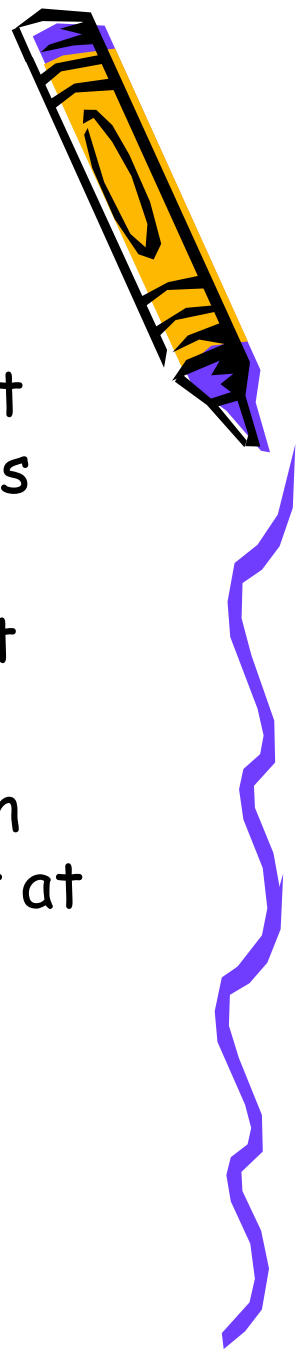
Melanie - INCO  
- Inclusion co-  
ordinator

Each class also has a classroom  
assistant



# Expectations

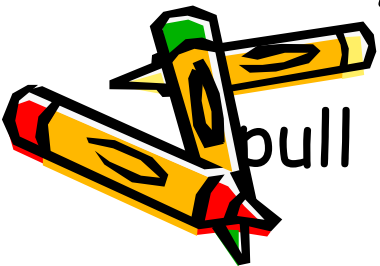
- School is very different from private nurseries and child minders.
- Your child will be in a class of thirty and it won't be possible to give daily feedback on your child's progress at the end of every day.
- Class teachers are willing to speak to parents at pre arranged times.
- There are usually 2 parents' evenings, in Autumn and Spring and you will receive a written report at the end of the year.



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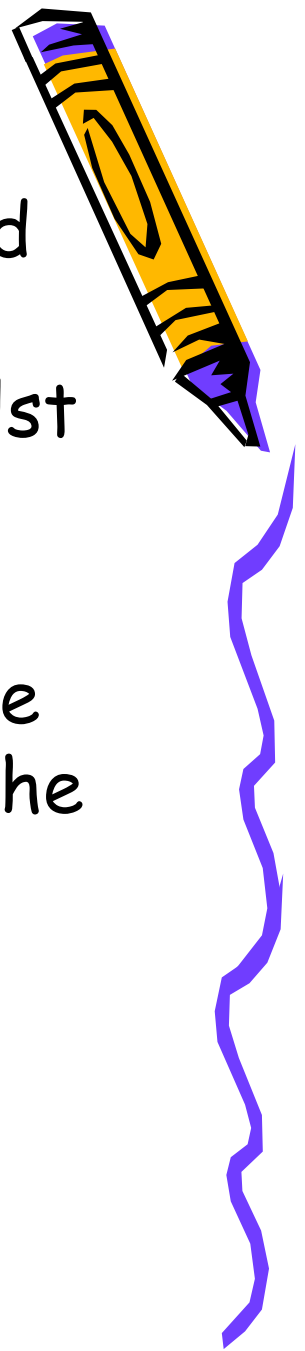


- Children will be expected to dress and undress themselves for PE. Please take time to check that they can. Watch them to see where they need help.
- Parents and children will be responsible for handing things in. Staff will not check through book bags.
- Children will be expected to know when they need the toilet and to go themselves. They need to wash their hands themselves as well. Children should be out of pull ups and nappies.



# Behaviour

- We pride ourselves on our childrens' good behaviour at St Anthony's and regularly receive compliments from the public whilst outside school on trips.
- Make sure your child only sees and watches what is appropriate for their age on television and on computer games or the Internet.
- "Sharing is caring" and "Kind hands and kind feet" are important to us.



# Uniform and Equipment

- Plimsolls
- Red polo shirts
- Red sweatshirts
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Red socks
- Book bag
- PE kit
- PE bag
- Rain coat to be kept in school
- Wellington boots to be kept in school

Uniform can be purchased online.

Having a spare set of clothes might be a good idea.



# Please name everything!!



- Please write your child's name on everything including their socks.
- It is the parents responsibility to name their child's clothes clearly and to check the names have not rubbed off.
- Hanging a special key ring on their book bag is a quick way for them to recognise which is theirs.



# Organisation



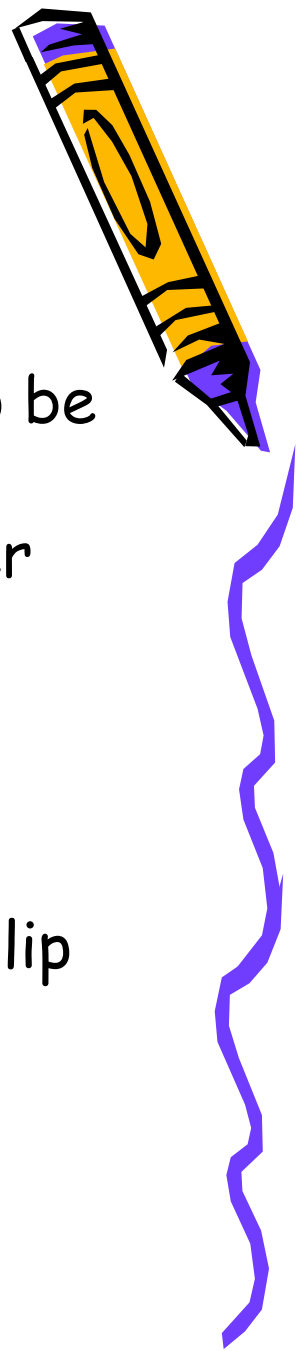
- Reception starts at 8:55am.
- Parents are asked to wait at the gate and not come in to the cloakrooms or talk through the windows.
- At the end of the day parents wait at the gates at 3.25pm. Please be punctual.
- We will phone you if your child cries for a prolonged period of time so please do not worry. There will potentially be tears at first but do not worry or let your worry show.
- If you need to see the teacher please wait until after school or send a message via the classroom assistant.





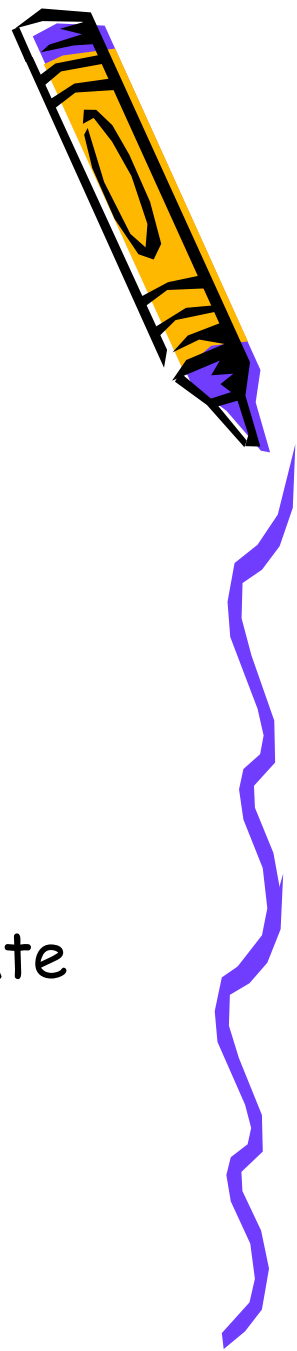
# Absences

- It is really important that your child comes to school every day.
- Please phone the school if your child is going to be absent due to illness.
- On their return your child **must** bring in a letter explaining their absence.
- If your child arrives at school after registers have closed it counts as an absence.
- Persistent late or absences will be followed up.
- Each half term you will receive an attendance slip - green, amber or red.



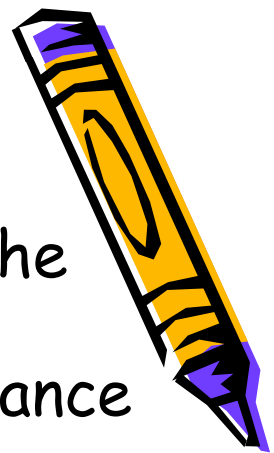
# Leave of Absence

- As of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 no leave of absence will be granted during term time for holidays.
- Head Teacher may authorise absence in exceptional circumstances only and will stipulate the number of days allowed.

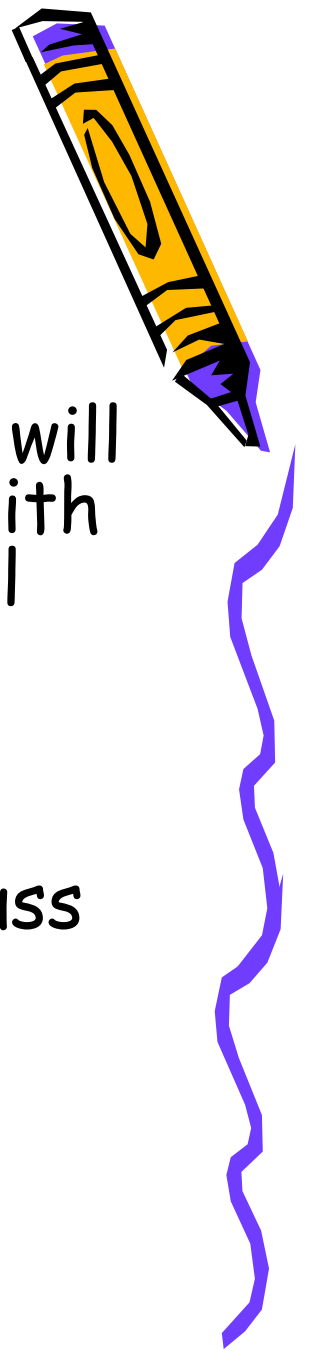


# Playtime & Snack

- The children have a morning snack (provided by the school) during choosing time in their classroom.
- After they have eaten their lunch they have a chance to play.
- In the afternoon before home time they have a break time.
- Children are supervised by our staff.
- Accidents are reported directly to the teacher and will be passed onto you if needs be.
- Milk to be paid for termly in advance, some children are eligible for free milk.
- Named clear water bottle with a sports cap - no juice or squash.



# School Lunch



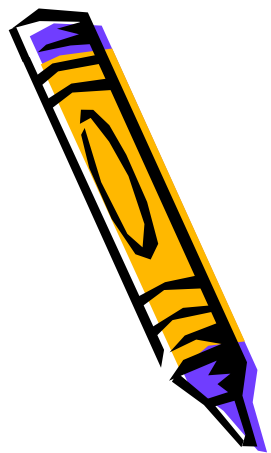
- All Reception children are entitled to a free school lunch.
- If your child has any food allergies you will need to register your child's allergies with Herts Catering online. There are special menus available for those registered.
- Lunches will need to be pre-ordered at home in advance.
- You will be able to view menus and discuss choices with your child at home.
- Payments will be made on the gateway.



# Lunch Menu

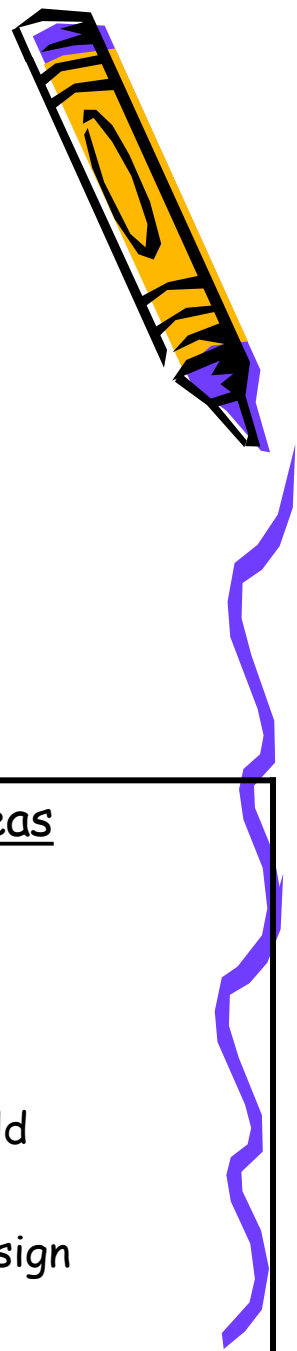
1. Hot meat option
2. Hot veggie option
3. Jacket potato with cheese or beans
4. School packed lunch

ORDER ON SCHOOL GRID



# Curriculum

- Early Years Foundation Stage.
- 7 areas of learning and RE.
- A balance of child initiated and adult led activities.
- Children work both indoors and outdoors.
- We also prioritise Religious education.

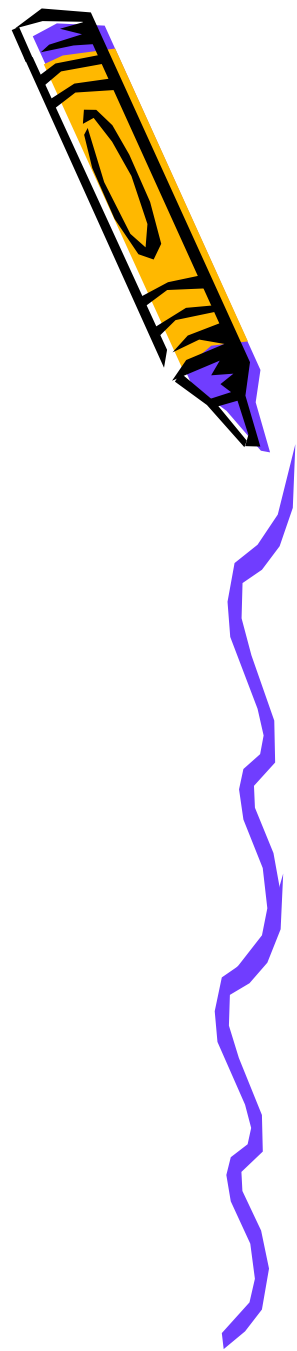


<u>Prime Areas</u>	<u>Specific Areas</u>
Personal, Social & Emotional	Literacy
Communication & Language	Maths
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design



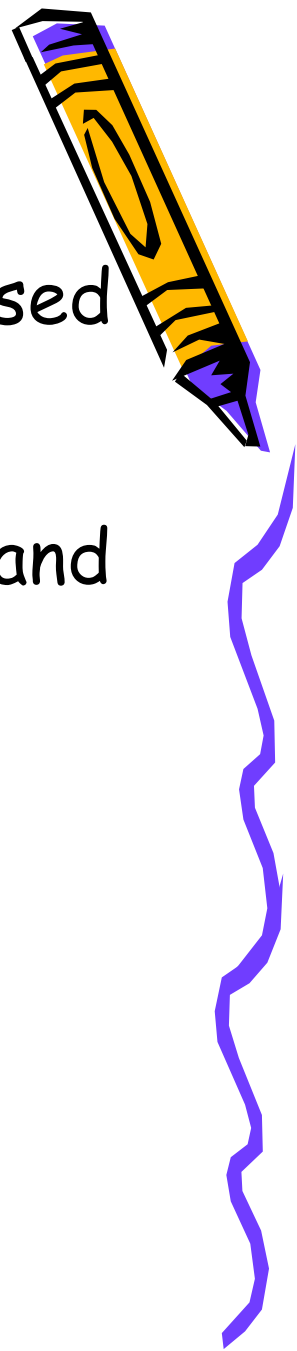
# A typical day ...

- Busy fingers and registration
- Phonics Activities
- Choosing time
- Adult led Activities
- Shared Worship
- Lunch
- RE, ICT or PE or other themed activities



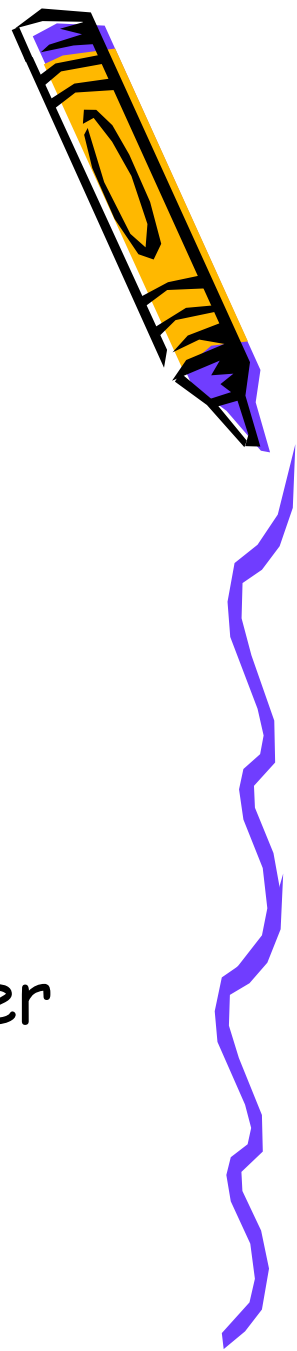
# Foundation Stage Profile

- Throughout the year your child is assessed against the Early Years Outcomes.
- At the end of the year your child is assessed against the Early Years Goals and you will receive a written report in the summer term.
- Children will develop at their own pace.





# Phonics, reading & handwriting.



Your child will begin learning phonics in the first half term.

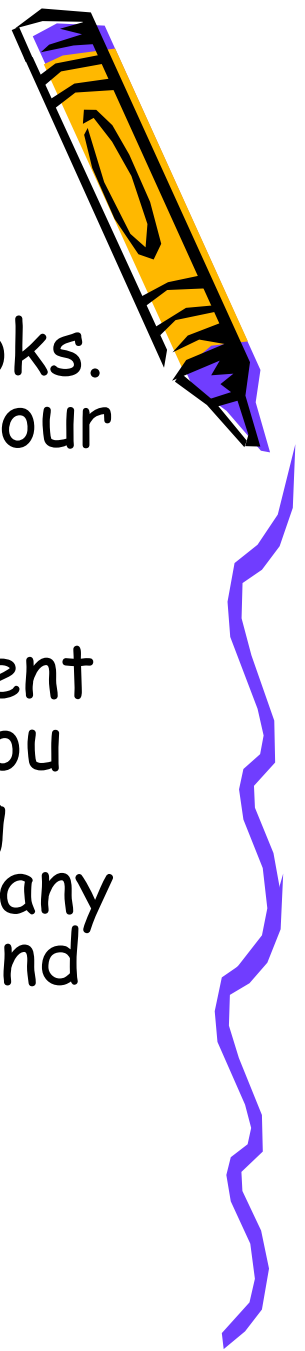
They will begin by learning single sounds and then build up to words and taking home books.

There will be a meeting about this in October - it is really important that you all attend this meeting.



# Home Learning

- Reading each night - once they have books. Even before it is important to read to your child every night.
- Home learning - online collages will be sent home weekly via Microsoft Teams for you to see what your child has been learning about in school. If you would like to do any extra work at home please send in or send photos/videos in via teams.



# Medicine

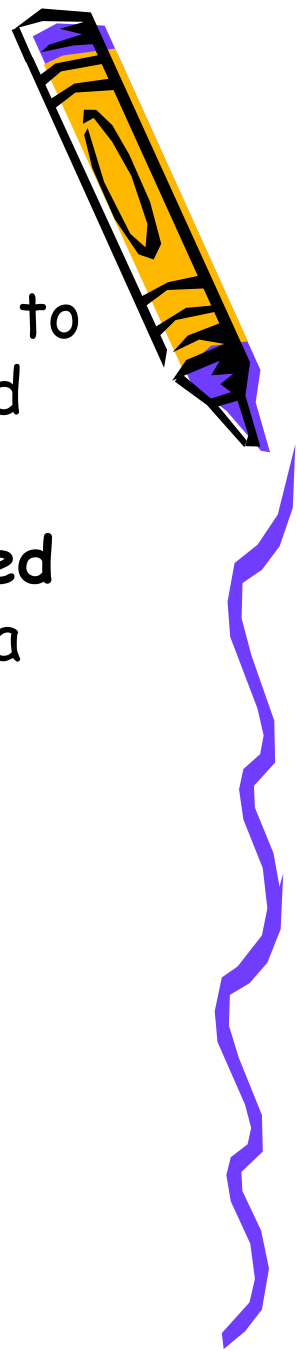


- Medicine **cannot** be administered by staff except in exceptional circumstances.
- Medicine should be given before or after school.
- Children are not allowed to stay in at playtimes.
- It is **vital** that contact numbers are updated as necessary in case of emergencies.
- A school nurse usually visits in the year to administer a hearing and sight check, but you will be informed if this is able to go ahead.



# School Fund

- School fund is £2 per week and very important to enable us to buy good resources and can be paid weekly, monthly, half termly or termly.
- It can be paid by hand to the teacher in a **named** envelope stating which class i.e Reception Padua or Reception Lisbon marked 'School Fund'.
- or it can be paid through the Gateway online system (register your email address with Catherine in the office)



# Important Reminders

- No earrings, jewellery, toys or sweets are allowed in school. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday please bring in a birthday book.
- *It is important that you check your child's bag daily for letters or home learning and read the whiteboards outside your classroom.*
- Please let the class teacher or the office know if your child will be collected by someone different.
- Don't worry; there may be tears at first but they will stop. This is normal even if it seems like other children aren't. Remain positive and the children will too.
- Reading every night is important and fostering a love for reading.

- NAME EVERYTHING!!!

