



Our Week



Welcome to our weekly newsletter!

The children have had an extremely busy and exciting first week at school. We are very impressed with how well they are coming in in the mornings and with how quickly they are adapting to life at St Polycarp's.

We will send a short note each week to inform you of some of the things the children have been doing with us in school, as we know they may not be telling you much!

Below are some of the things we have done already. Your child might like to tell you a little more about a few of these:

- Learning the rules and routines of school
- Painted pictures of ourselves in our uniforms
- Played name games to get to know our new friends
- Listened to stories
- We went on a tour around the school to see some of the key areas that we will be using (the library, music hall, computing suite, lunch hall etc)
- Had our first Games Lesson with the Chelsea coaches and Mrs Ramsden
- We went to our music lesson with Mrs Ridgeon for the first time
- Practiced our lunchtime prayer and saying a prayer before we come home
- Drew pictures of our families and talked about them
- We learnt about our class bird and carefully used cotton buds to decorate our bird
- Enjoyed our first ever daily mile

Things to try at home

We would appreciate it if your child could continue practicing getting themselves dressed and undressed at home. Taking their jumpers on and off would be particularly helpful, as would practising rolling up jumper sleeves (for water play and washing hands etc).

We have been focusing on recognising our names; reinforcing this at home, (showing them what their names look like) would be wonderful!

Notes for parents

- *Monday, the 23rd September, the school photographer will be in the school to take individual and sibling photos.*
- Please ensure you sign 'The home time arrangement form' to let us know who will/ may pick your child up at home time.

- The children have all been allocated to a 'house' or school team. We will display these on our classroom doors for you to see.
 - A reminder that children are not permitted to bring in toys from home.
 - **Naming uniform** - It is wonderful that so many of you have been able to purchase uniform from the second-hand shop. Please do ensure however that you do rename these items with your own child's name. Please also ensure that new uniform is named with both Christian and surnames as we have some children with the same Christian name.
 - **Naming shoes**- please ensure your child's shoes are also named.
 - Don't forget long hair needs to be tied up.
 - Please remember a healthy afternoon snack for you child. These can go in their book bags.
 - Our topic is 'Peek into the past' and would be grateful if your child could bring in a photo of themselves as a baby or toddler by Monday.
 - We would also appreciate any recycling and junk modelling to use in our creation station.
 - *Next week your children will be learning the sounds m,a,d and s. Here the sounds we will be learning with your children, it will be useful to practise these with them at home.*
- http://www.stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk/docs/year_groups/eyfs-home/set_1_flashcards.pdf

Many thanks for all your support. We wish you a very happy and restful weekend.

The Reception Team