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Be yourself, but be it very well.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception Class. We hope you enjoyed the Stay and Play sessions this week and the children are ready for their big start on Monday. It is such an exciting time in your child's life and we hope to make it as comfortable and welcoming as possible. Hopefully this letter will give some tips on how your child can make the very best start to school.

Over the next half term, you will be receiving information on how the learning is organised over the term as well as general expectations for the year. Early this half term we will focus on assessing the children and finding out what they can do in order to inform our future planning. As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, learning in Reception Class is tailored to the children's individual interests and ideas. Therefore, we would welcome any information about your child's favourite thing. This information helps us to plan activities and enhancements that are enjoyable for your child, thus motivating children to learn and making their learning more personal. We are constantly making our classroom as stimulating and exciting as we can, so in order to buy new resources for the children or ingredients for cooking or snack etc., could we kindly ask for a voluntary donation of 50p each week. This can be paid via ParentPay. If you find it easier, please feel free to pay for the whole term altogether.

If you would like your child to receive milk at school please do remember to register your child on the Cool Milk website (www.coolmilk.com). The children are encouraged to bring a sports type bottle to school each day, water only please. Could you also put your child's name on the bottle.

PE will take place on Thursday mornings. Reception lessons will begin soon. We will notify you when they are about to start. Children will come into school dressed in their PE kits on their specific day, so do not require their PE kits to stay in school.

If you feel that your child may have difficulty with wiping after the toilet and use toilet wipes at home, then do feel free to put a packet of wipes in a bag to hang on their peg so they can access them easily. We will encourage the children to take them to the toilet and replace when they come back. Labelling the packet would be helpful also.

From Monday, we would like the children to make two lines when the bell rings to come into school. The boys will line up in front of Mrs Tallentire and the girls in front of Ms Ball. For the first week at bell time (8:50am), we welcome you to direct your child to the correct line then step back - this encourages your child's independence right from the beginning. Please do inform grandparents of this also. Otherwise, you are free to let your child come into the yard from 8:30 onwards. We will then be encouraging parents to leave their child at the gate from the following week. At pick up time, please only step forward and wave when your child is at the front of the line. This will make it much easier to direct your child straight to you.

For parents new to our school, our school website contains our fortnightly newsletter which keeps you up to date with important news items and events in school. The website address is <https://www.st-cuthbertsrc-chester-le-street.durham.sch.uk>.

Can we also remind parents that jewellery of any kind is not allowed for health and safety reasons. Earrings must be removed prior to entering school.

The children have made a very happy start to school so far and we hope this continues in the following weeks! Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call in and see us.

Kind regards

Ms Ball and Mrs Tallentire



