



# Thorn Grove Primary School

## Welcome to Reception

Autumn 2020

Topic - ALL ABOUT ME

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to our Reception Class at Thorn Grove Primary School and hope that you and your child feel welcome at school and part of our school family. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and both you and your child are looking forward to their first full year at school.

The children will slowly be introduced to a new environment and new people, as well as new rules and routines. We aim to make this transition as easy as possible. The first few weeks of school are very relaxed and allow the children to get to know each other and also enable the adults to get to know the children and carry out observations and assessments, which you are encouraged to participate in. You can do this by writing any achievements/feelings/new learning/photos or pictures and words of praise your child has done at home, and writing them on WOW cards, placing them in their book bags. We take regular opportunities to share these together and celebrate the children's achievements. Shortly, we will be sending you information on how to access your child's Tapestry account so you will have the chance to see and comment on the observations that we have been busy doing during the settling in time.

Please encourage your child to come into school by themselves, so they develop their independence. Please make sure all items of your child's clothing (uniform, PE kits, coats, shoes, lunch boxes and book bags are clearly named). Please also provide your child with wellington boots and a waterproof coat, so that they can explore the outdoor area all year round (please ensure it is all named and in a named bag).

For the time being, your child will require a healthy snack, which will need to be brought from home. They will also need to bring their own labelled water bottle to school each day.

We would also like to do activities with the children throughout the year and also supplement snack time with other healthy foods (**please inform me if your child is allergic to anything or if there is anything you do not wish them to eat**). Please could I ask you to make a small donation of £6 per half term in a named envelope to help towards providing these activities.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020: Phonics and handwriting workshop for Reception parents at 3.30pm-4.00pm

Finally, if you have any questions or queries about your child or anything to do with Reception, then please email me on [classr@thorngrove.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:classr@thorngrove.stockport.sch.uk) and I will do my best to help you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Shenton and Miss Bradbury

