



Welcome To EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

Teachers: Miss Attwood & Mrs Hough
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Hillman and Mrs Middleton

Members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)



Mrs Goodyear
Headteacher



Mrs Hough
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Pearce
SENCO



Mrs Cranwell
Community



Mrs Roberts
Maths Leader

Staffing

➤ **Little Raindrops**

➤ **Teacher – Miss Attwood**

➤ **Teaching Assistant – Mrs. Middleton**



➤ **Smiling Sunshines**

➤ **Teacher - Mrs. Hough**

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Transition

- **Transition meetings have taken place when needed and all children moving class have been discussed individually.**
- **We know that reasonable adjustments are needed be some children and these have been shared with new teachers.**

Uniform

- **Crested School Wear - Gaolgate Street Stafford**
- <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/a-c/castlechurch-primary-school/>
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED.**
- **Please send your child with a spare set of clothes if they are likely to have accidents.**
- **School will provide a plastic book bag – you do not need to buy one from the uniform shop.**
- **Your child will need to bring a named water bottle to school. If you wish to put juice / sparkling water inside this is allowed but we only are able to provide tap water at school.**

Toilet Training

- **If your child is currently wearing a nappy / pull up, the summer holidays are a good opportunity to toilet train your child.**
- **Staff are experienced and aware that accidents do happen and we are able to deal with these.**
- **It is an expectation at the end of the foundation stage that children can manage themselves and this begins with independently going to the toilet.**

PE

- **On Fridays, children are to come to school in their PE kits.**
- **You can purchase the school PE kit from the uniform shop or children can wear just plain black sports wear.**
- **Please ensure that they are still wearing a school jumper / cardigan / black jacket.**
- **The expectation is that every child takes part in PE.**
- **Earrings may not be worn for PE.**

School Meals

- All children in EYFS will eat their lunch in the dinner hall. Lunchtimes are staggered so EYFS eat first.
- If your child is of Nursery age there is a charge for lunch sessions and school dinners.
- Your child is entitled to a free school meal when they reach Reception age.
- The menu works on a 3 week rolling program and is available on the school website. The week (1,2 or 3) is written on our weekly newsletter.
- If you haven't already done so, please notify the school of any allergies your child has so that we can make the kitchen aware of these.
- Please be mindful of the allergies of others – no nuts.

Routines

- **Gates open in the morning at 8.40am, school starts 8.55am.**
- **Our gates/doors will close at 8.55am to allow us to begin our learning promptly.**
- **If you arrive late, please enter via the main office.**
- **Gates open at the end of the day at 3.10pm, home time is 3.15pm.**

Gate



- **The EYFS gate is on Tennyson Road.**
- **If you exit the staff carpark and turn right, it is the second gate along.**

Our Classrooms

Little Raindrops



Smiling Sunshines



Evidence Me

- **After the baseline period, we will begin to share our learning with parents via Evidence Me.**
- **You will only receive pictures and comments about your own child.**



Baselines

- **We begin the academic year with 3 weeks of baseline assessments.**
- **All children of reception age have to complete a compulsory government baseline assessment.**
- **We also have a CFLP baseline assessment to assess our children. This allows us to pitch our teaching to meet individual needs.**

Home / School Links

- **Reading books and diaries to come to school daily.**
- **Reading books will be changed on a Friday.**
- **Homework menus will come home at the beginning of each half term and homework will be collected in the final week.**
- **If your child requires any medicine or an inhaler, please take it to the office and fill in the care plan form.**
- **When arriving at school if your child has an injury, please inform staff – an accident on arrival form will need to be completed.**

Our Curriculum

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Physical Development



Communication and Language



Seven areas of learning



Literacy



Understanding of the World



Expressive Arts and Design



Maths

Topics

Autumn term:

- **Be Who You Are**
- **Come Rain or Shine**

Spring term:

- **The Land of Make Believe**
- **Stomp, Scuttle, Stride**

Summer term:

- **Happily Ever After**
- **Let the Adventures begin**

Phonics










- **All schools are now recommended to choose a validated phonics scheme provided by the DfE.**
- **At Castlechurch we have chosen Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, which is a systematic and synthetic phonics program.**
- **The program ensures that children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell as they move through school.**

Reading

- **Children will bring home a book banded book. These will initially be wordless in order to develop their speaking, language and vocabulary skills. They will also bring home a book to share.**
- **Please write down in your child's diary when you have heard them read. Feel free to comment on your child's enjoyment of the book.**
- **Children of Reception age will take part in 3 reading sessions a week (in groups of 6 or less.) Teachers will read 1:1 with every child once every 6 weeks. Half termly reviews will be shared with parents in reading diaries.**

Handwriting

a b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t u v w
x y z

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out sssss sssss	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
 	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth a a a	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.
 	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.

Behaviour Policy

- **Behaviour Ladder**
- **We also will choose a Maths Magician, Amazing Author, Remarkable Reader, Castlechurch Champion and Lunchtime Superstar weekly – these will be awarded in a whole school assembly on a Friday.**
- **Please could you ensure that your child understands that they must tell an adult when an incident has occurred.**

Going Home

- **We will match your child to you.**
- **If you are running late then please contact the school office.**
- **Please inform us if someone else is collecting your child.**
- **Please let us know what nights your child goes to Highfliers our Before and After School Club.– this needs to be booked 1 week in advance.**

Communication

- You will find lots of information on our website and weekly newsletter-please. Be sure to look at them! The newsletter is sent by text every Friday.
- We will now be communicating via Arbor (please make sure you have access to this). Any emails should be sent to the school office on:

office.cas@cflptrust.co.uk
- Please don't email teachers direct, all communication needs to go through the office. School staff will be available at the end of the day in person.

And finally...

- **We would like to invite you to ask any questions you may have.**
- **We look forward to working with you and your children!**
- **We value you and your support. We are here for you if any help is needed.**