



Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy

Pupils with a love of learning who care about others.

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Welcome to Reception / Year 1

Class Structure

We have three classes in Reception/Y1.

Midnight Class – Mrs Bugg and Mr Jansen

Teal Class – Mrs Jackson and Mrs Young

Aqua Class – Mrs Saeed (Tues/Wed/Thurs), Miss Miles (Mon/Fri) and Ms Morgan

Each class is made up of a mixture of Reception and Year 1 children. At the present time, each class will be taught in a separate bubble with different learning zones and teachers.

If you would like to ask a question to your child's teacher please use their class email

midnight@minchscool.net

teal@minchscool.net

aqua@minchscool.net

Structure of the day

At the present time

Reception start at 9am and finish at 2.50pm

Year 1 start at 8.45am and finish at 3.05pm

Lunch is 12pm-1pm

If you have an older child who starts at an earlier time, you are permitted drop your Rec/Y1 child off after you have dropped off your older child.

Each day children will spend time in the classroom, outdoor classroom and outdoor learning zone.

Each class will have PE once per week and PE kits are to remain in school.

Please send your child with the following each day

- A warm/waterproof coat – whatever the forecast
- Blue plastic reading folder with reading record and any school reading scheme books inside (Reception will have theirs soon).
- Water bottle. For ease of use, a straw top or sports top lid rather than a screw top lid would be preferable.
- Washable bag rather than book bag. A rectangular tote type cotton bag is ideal (to fit reading folder in)



Food Glorious Food

Please inform us of any dietary requirements if you have not already done so.

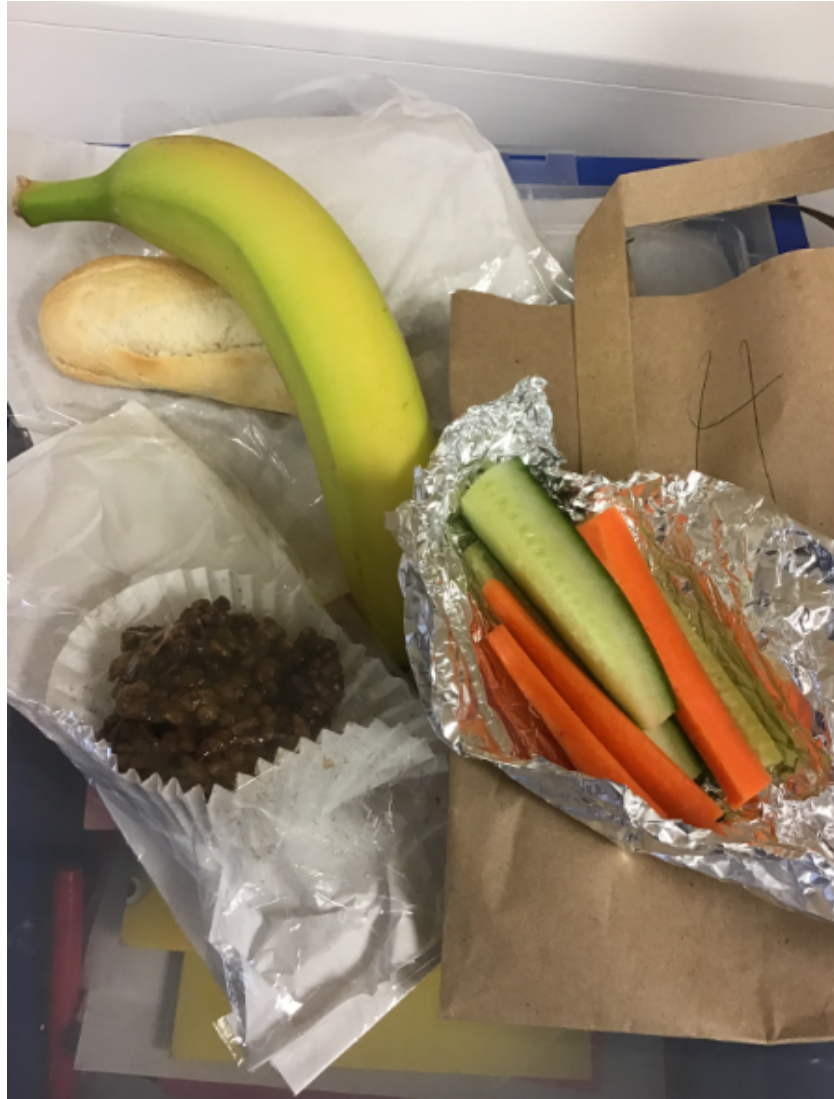
Snack

The Government free fruit scheme as now been reinstated so there is no need to provide a fruit snack from home. Sometimes we give an additional carbohydrate snack to supplement the fruit. Any donations of packs of plain crackers or breadsticks for the class would be gratefully received.

Lunch

Universal free school meals are available as a packed lunch at the present time. This consists of a baguette (cheese, ham or tuna), vegetable crudités, cake and a piece of fruit. If you choose to send a packed lunch from home please ensure your child can open the packets themselves. Please remember we are a nut free school. We also ask that you do not include egg or egg products (eg mayonnaise).

A typical school packed lunch



Outdoor Learning - Thursdays

- We aim to teach and learn outside as much as possible so clothes suitable for the weather may be required in addition to school uniform— eg sunhats, suncream applied before school, extra base layer under school polo shirt, long school trousers rather than shorts, tights, black leggings, woolly hat, raincoat etc.
- Official outdoor learning day will be **Thursday** each week for all classes. Please send your child into school wearing their jogging bottoms on this day. At the moment we will be outdoor learning with our own class bubbles, on the school grounds and we will not require parent helpers.
- Wellies are to be kept in school.

Tapestry



- Please check Tapestry regularly for information from us and to see some of the things the children are doing in school.
- We encourage you to comment on our observations and to upload your own observations from home to add to your child's learning journey.

Year 1 information

Reading

Please use the reading record to record all reading with your child each day; both reading to your child as well as listening to their reading. We will send home one or two reading book at a time and they will be changed regularly. Choosing books will also be sent home once a week.

Phonic bug is still up and running for reading books online.

Spelling Shed – a login for Spelling Shed will be sent to you in due course.

Maths

My Maths logins will be sent out in due course.

Reception Information

Reading

Initially, your child will choose 2 books from our class library to share at home. Please read these books to your child and discuss the story, ask questions, look out for interesting words etc. Please record any reading that you do at home on the right hand side of each double page of the reading record book that you will find in the reading folder.

Our school expectation is that you record reading every day (or at least 5 times per week),

Phonics will be starting on 21st September and we will be sending home phoneme cards to practise at home.

Reading books, for your child to practise their reading, will be sent home when your child is ready.

Sleep

Starting school for the first time or returning to a new school year can be very tiring. Please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep to enable them to cope well at school. A 6.30-7pm bedtime at this time of year is not unusual.

Thank You!

Finally we would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for a great start to the new school year. We are all very impressed at how well the children have all come in to school and settling into their new classes.