Welcome to Ladygrove Reception

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Thank you for choosing to bring your child to our school. We know that this can be a time of stress and anxiety and we would like to assure you that we are here for you and your child. If you forget staff names you should find their photo on the school website.

Working in Partnership

We aim to please but, if during your time with us, you have any concerns in relation to your child's care or education please do not hesitate to speak to either your child's teacher or the teaching assistant.

We strive to offer a quality service and by working together we hope to maintain and improve the service we give.

School Email: A2168@taw.org.uk

Tapestry Account

Your child will be given a Tapestry Account when they start Reception. Tapestry is a form of dialogue between school and home. Tapestry provides information on your child's learning and we would love to hear about your activities at home.

Every day counts,

every minute matters

Sun cream

Please can you apply sun cream before coming to Reception. Please provide a sun hat clearly labelled with your child's name.

Outdoor Play

We try and go outdoors every day and would appreciate it if your child can bring outdoor wear each day.

In winter a coat, hat and gloves depending on the weather and during the rest of the year a cardigan or jacket is needed on the majority of the days. These should be clearly labelled.

Snack Time

We provide a range of healthy snacks daily for children during the session.

Thank you for your support in all of these matters to ensure Reception runs smoothly.

Children's Safety

Please tell us if somebody else is picking your child up from Reception as we will only release children to parents/carers who normally collect them, we have a password code system for extra security.

Reading

Each week your child will select a book to bring home and share from our classroom libraries. We will also send home phonics sound cards for your children to learn . We encourage the children to read as much as possible. We collect in their reading diaries each Friday. Those children who have read three or more times at home will be awarded with a sticker.

Telephone/Email for Illness

If your child cannot attend school for any reason please ring the office on **01952 388370** option 2 or email **ladygrove.absence@taw.org.uk** and let us know.

Water Bottles

Children can bring in their own water bottles from home (no juice please) to drink throughout the session. Please clearly name the bottle .

Policies and Procedures

There are many policies and procedures in Reception which give guidance to staff. A list of policies can be found on the school web site.

Planning

There are seven areas of learning which we are required to cover. Within these areas of learning are early learning goals which most children achieve by the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage at five.

Prime Areas— Physical development, Communication and Language, Personal and Social Development.

Specific Areas – Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts.

Planning is organised so that we cover all areas across the week All children have the same opportunities, and activities are planned according to each child's specific needs.

Read, Write, Inc

Phonics at Ladygrove is taught in short daily sessions. The sessions are fun and interactive. At the beginning of each phase we will send home a pack of flashcards which should be cut up and kept at home.

Child Progress Records

As part of the OFSTED standards and our need to match activities with the children's development, we continually assess each child's progress within the EYFS framework, in a profile. We have parents evenings when you are able to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher. You may also request a meeting if there is anything, with regard to your child's progress, which you would like to discuss.

Activities

The children will have a range of experiences which include P.E in the school hall, cooking, and a session in a secure outdoor area in the school grounds.

Physical Development - Sessions are in the hall. P.E kit is required for each child which should be clearly labelled.

Forest Session - Children are to come to school in their uniform. They will need a set of old clothes as they will get muddy!. After lunch we will get them changed. Your child will be sent home in their forest school clothes. During cold weather children will need a hat, scarf, gloves, old coat and wellington boots. An old pair of wellington boots can be left at school. All items should be labelled with your child's name.