



# Welcome to Reception

## September 2020



# Meet the Reception teachers...



**Mrs Croft**  
Class Teacher  
Monday – Wednesday



**Miss Butler**  
Class Teacher  
Thursday – Friday

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# *Meet our support staff...*



**Mrs Hazell**  
Nursery Teacher and  
Forest School Leader



**Mrs Maughan**  
Learning Support Assistant  
and Catering Manager

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# *The recipe to a successful transition...*

- Have trust and work in partnership with us.
- Visit your child's new class before their first day. (Details of this below)
- Full time hours will be built up gradually. (Details of this below)
- During the first half term, Reception staff will support the children and model the correct eating habits, routines and behaviour expectations.
- Fill in and send back paperwork ASAP.



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# *How we communicate with you ...*

- Daily communication at start/end of day.
- Pupil progress meetings.
- End of year report.
- General reminders of upcoming events via the school website and weekly emails.

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## TRANSITION TIMES:

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September - Individual slots to visit classroom and Teacher.

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September - 8:40am - 12pm

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September - 8:40am - 1pm

All children are entitled to a free school meal. However, if your child would prefer a packed lunch, please ensure this is brought in and clearly named.

*Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September - 8:40am - 3.15pm*

Note that 'Soft Start' operates from 8.40am – 8:55am for children to settle and get ready for learning. Please remember to say goodbye at the gate.

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# *How to help your child to prepare...*

- Our topic for the Autumn Term will be ‘All about me’. We will be settling children in, getting to know them and build relationships with them.
- Talk to your children about starting school and getting them ready.
- Make a little ‘mini me’ (Photo of your child on a string or spoon) and take the ‘mini me’ on a journey through their ‘classroom.’ Ask them to think about what they might do/play with.
- Watch the videos of our stories via the school website so they can see and hear our voices before they start. – These will be available to view on our website by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- Send or email the office some important pictures of your child’s family and favourite toys. – We will be displaying these in the classroom so they can see familiar things upon their arrival.

- If safe to do so, travel (walk or travel by car) to the school and look at it from the outside so the children can see where they will be going.
- Over the holidays play with numbers the children see all around them - house numbers, car numbers, bus numbers, etc. Help them to count accurately by getting them to help you when laying the table e.g. correct numbers of knives, forks, spoons or sharing out sweets, grapes etc. so that everyone has the same amount.
- Take your children to explore the things around them and be curious.
- Read with your child and discuss stories with them over the summer. Encourage them to talk about the story. For example, what can they tell you about the story? What do they think is going to happen at the end? What did they enjoy about the story? Can they make up their own story?
- Take the time to fill in the attached forms and send them back as soon as possible to help us plan for your child's individual needs.

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# *Thank you and a huge welcome to Cadmore End Church of England Combined School*

We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September on your initial school visit where we can discuss any concerns or queries you may have regarding your child's start to Reception.



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