

# The Roche School

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We are so excited to welcome all the children to Reception at The Roche School. We hope they have a fantastic year, building new friendships and developing a love for learning.

This is a short letter to give you some information about the topics we are covering this term, some useful dates for your diary and important information. Further whole school events will be included on the weekly newsletter and on the school website.

## **Start and End of School Day**

Children will be collected by their class teacher from the playground at 8.40am. Before lessons begin at 9am we use this important time to self-register and allow children to organise their belongings. Reception and Year 1 children have a dedicated section of the playground to play before 8.40am at the far end of the playground near the wooden 1-1 rooms.

At the end of the day the children should be collected from the gate. If your child is in a club, we will take them straight from class and they are welcome to bring a small snack to have before the club begins. If they are having a play date or being collected by a different person, please let us know by email before lunchtime on the day.

Dismissal times:

Señor Victor: 3:05pm

Miss Izzy: 3:10pm

## **Curriculum**

Our topics this term will be '**Discoveries and adventures**' taught through a range of engaging and exciting stories. We embed our topic into all areas of the curriculum where possible.

Literacy, Phonics and Mathematics are taught daily in a structured, teacher-led carpet session. All other areas of learning are taught through play and a variety of teacher and child led activities.

Games, Gym, Dance, Music, Spanish, ICT and Singing are taught by specialist teachers.

**Please do attend our Curriculum Talk on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in your child's classroom. This will be followed by a social evening at the school from 5.30pm.**

## **Diary Dates**

**Curriculum Talk and Social Evening:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm

**Half term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Parent & Teacher Meetings:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Long Weekend:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Nativity Play:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Concert:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**End of Term –** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## **What to bring to school:**

Please provide your child with a **clearly labelled:**

- Red book bag
- Snack in a **reusable** box or bag please
- Named Water bottle

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- Change of underwear for any accidents (at your discretion)
- Painting apron (to be kept at school)

## **PE**

All children have one Gym lesson and one PE lesson a week taught by a specialist PE teacher. Please make sure your child is dressed in full PE kit:

Miss Izzy: Tuesday and Wednesday

Señor Victor: Wednesday and Thursday

## **Communicating with your Class Teacher**

We are trying to go paperless with letters and information, so we will email out key information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send us an email.

Miss Izzy: [roche.i.hine@therocheschool.com](mailto:roche.i.hine@therocheschool.com)

Señor Victor: [roche.v.manzanero@therocheschool.com](mailto:roche.v.manzanero@therocheschool.com)

Mrs Luci: [roche.l.french@therocheschool.com](mailto:roche.l.french@therocheschool.com)

Mrs Luci is the Early Years coordinator and Early Years Safe-guarding lead.

Other emails you may find useful:

Mrs Adams (Headmistress): [headteacher@therocheschool.com](mailto:headteacher@therocheschool.com)

Mr Jonny Gilbert (Deputy Head Teacher): [roche.j.gilbert@therocheschool.com](mailto:roche.j.gilbert@therocheschool.com)

Mrs Louise (Learning Support Coordinator and Safeguarding lead/ Head of pastoral care):  
[roche.l.gilmartin@therocheschool.com](mailto:roche.l.gilmartin@therocheschool.com)

Mrs Charlotte (Director of Studies/Head of Curriculum): [roche.c.baly@therocheschool.com](mailto:roche.c.baly@therocheschool.com)

## **School website and Parent Portal**

The school website includes a detailed school calendar and a Parent Portal. The school calendar will list the dates and times of trips, fixtures, special events and all other relevant information for the entire school. The Parent Portal is an area of the website that parents are encouraged to use in order to download timetables, letters and details of fixtures. We will be introducing a new app to parents called 'Parent App'; more information about this will be sent to you via email.

## **Open Day**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September we have an open morning for prospective parents. We aim to demonstrate all the fun and exciting things we do at school. If your child is available to come to school on Saturday at 9.15 – 12.30pm please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

As you are aware, a new and exciting Spanish Bilingual Stream is being introduced into Señor Victor's class, so be ready to learn Spanish from your children! Miss Izzy's class will also receive a weekly Spanish lesson.

We look forward to seeing you at the curriculum evening.

Kind regards,

**Miss Izzy and Señor Victor**