

Hi Everyone 😊

My name is Miss Stevenson and I am your new Reception teacher at St Wilfrid's School. I cannot wait for you all to start school - Reception is such a special year and I know we are going to have a brilliant time.

I know that starting school is super exciting, but it can also feel a little bit scary. All of the school staff at St Wilfrid's are so lovely and we are all here to help make the transition as fun and exciting for you as we possibly can. There are some things you can do to help you to feel super confident in your new classroom. You can practise these things at home to make sure that you are ready to start in September:

- Practise putting on and taking off your coat all by yourself. You can even have a go at doing your zip up by yourself!
- You will need to be able to get dressed and undressed for PE, as well as, being able to take your jumper off and on, when in the classroom.
- You will need to be able to feed yourself, so practise using a knife and fork.
- Practise recognising and writing your name
- Do lots of counting, singing number songs and recognising different numbers
- Have a go at learning shape names and look out for them in your environment!

There are also some things that you will need to bring with you to school:

- A named school bag to put all of your lovely work in
- Sensible shoes with Velcro fasteners, so you can take your own shoes off and on.
- A PE kit, with your name on each item, which is then kept in a named PE bag - see the school website for what a PE kit includes.
- Spare clothes and pants. These don't have to be school uniform.
- If you choose to bring tuck money, this needs to be in a named purse.

Remember to label all of your school uniform, your coat and your PE kit!  
This will help you and the teachers to make sure that you keep all of your belongings safe.

I know it has been a very different time for us all recently, so I am sure you have been spending lots of time at home with your family. Please don't worry about coming back to school - I promise you are going to have the most wonderful year and you will love your new class so much! I can't wait to meet you all, have a lovely summer break and have lots of fun 😊

See you in September!

Miss Stevenson