



Foundation Stage Newsletter

Autumn 2022

12th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to your new school! It has been such a lovely first week back, with all the children enjoying their new classroom, exploring the classroom both inside and outside and having fun. The children have had a great week and are settling in really well. It has been lovely to watch the children play and talk to them about their family and friends. Thank you for persevering with us and giving your children the opportunity to attend school for a morning or afternoon session. It is very important that we have had the time to really get to know each child individually and build a relationship. Please feel free to discuss any worries with us at the school gate, we are always more than happy to talk to you.

Routines

The children will be spending time getting used to the school routines – carpet time, snack time, phonics time, lunch time, lining up for home time, tidy-up time and listening time. We have a range of ways to support the children in understanding these routines. We sing songs, ring a bell, and clap our hands and other imaginative ways. You may find that the children come home singing songs and pretending to be the teacher!

Outdoors

Some of the children got the opportunity to harvest the eating apples from the trees and tasted them during snack time- yummy! We always have our doors open and the children have the opportunity to access the outdoor provision all day. As a result of this, we do ask that the children are well-equipped for the British weather. Please ensure all children bring:

- Wellies {we do have some spare in school}
- Waterproof coat
- Spare underwear {if required}

Starting full time

The children will start full time on Friday 16th September. This is a very busy time for all of us. The children will be staying for lunch and getting the opportunity to sit in the lunch hall with all their reception friends. All the staff will be on hand to ensure this transition runs smoothly and that all the children feel comfortable and safe in the hall. Please ensure you contact the school regarding allergies {if you haven't already done so}. Thank you!

Phonics

At the start of the year, we ensure the children have time to settle in to their new school and friendships. We will be starting the phonics programme on Tuesday 20th September. We are following the systematic phonics programme called 'Little Wandle'. It is new to us and we have every confidence that this approach will really support the children with their reading and eventually writing. Each child will be given a 'sound book' with the phonemes they are learning each week. A phonics workshop will be set up and you will receive a zoom

invite to attend this session. It is certainly worth attending to gain a better insight in to how we teach phonics in our reception. **This session will be on Tuesday 20th at 5pm.**

Reading books

When the children are ready, they will be given a reading book to read at home. This reading book should be placed in their book bags and brought to school each day. Additional information will be sent to parents nearer the time.

PE days

This term the PE day is on a Thursday. Please ensure your child comes in to school with their PE clothes on. Just to remind you of our clothing expectations.... white PE t-shirt, black leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and black PE pumps. In these sessions we will encourage the children to practise their skills of climbing and balancing on the apparatus in the hall. When the weather improves we will spend time on the MUGA playing more team games. Your child can stay in their PE kits throughout the day so do not require additional school clothes to change in to.

Snack

As well as having free access to fruit during the day, each morning we provide milk and a more substantial snack from the school kitchen, such as jam sandwiches, buttered teacakes, pancakes, crumpets and bread and butter. **Snack costs 60p a week. Please sign up on parent pay if you wish your child to have snack.** Please can you make sure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in to school every Monday. These can be taken home on Fridays to be washed.

Parents Meetings

We will be holding zoom sessions to briefly discuss your child, focussing on how they have settled in. These dates are: **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November.** You will be given information about this event nearer the time.

Stay and Play Sessions for Parents

Later this term we will be asking all parents to sign up for a Stay and Play session with their child. It is a great opportunity for you to have a look inside their classrooms and play with your child. We always ensure that these sessions are later on after half term, therefore allowing the children time to settle in. These dates will be: **7th, 8th, 10th and 11th November.** An online booking sheet will be available to sign up the week before the sessions. We will keep you posted!

Thank you for all your co-operation and support. Any concerns, no matter how small, please come and speak to us.

The Foundation Stage Team