

# EYFS introductory Newsletter

## September 2018



Hello and welcome. We hope that your child will enjoy their experience of Early Years as they begin to settle into their class. We are looking forward to getting to know each and every child over the forthcoming year and supporting them in developing their learning. We hope that they enjoy the learning challenges ahead!

Mrs Chapman and Mrs Roberts

During the next couple of weeks we will be working and playing alongside the children to find out what they already know and can do. We will use this information to inform future planning.

### End of the Day

Please ensure when dropping off and collecting your child at the end of the day that they (and their siblings) do not touch the resources or play on the climbing frame. The areas are set-up ready for the children and we can take no responsibility for any accidents that happen during these times.

### Reminder

Please ensure that everything that your child wears to school is clearly labelled, including water bottles, bags and coats.

### Reading

Next week, we will begin to send home reading books along with a reading diary. Please sign the reading diary to let us know your child has read their book. We will change the books twice a week (on a Monday and a Friday). Please try to read with your child daily. Reading daily will:

- ✓ Help to develop your child's imagination.
- ✓ Enhance your child's vocabulary and develop the mastery of language, including pronunciation.
- ✓ Help to develop and enhance their concentration, attention and focus.
- ✓ Help them to develop an interest in books and other types of text.
- ✓ Improve their hearing ability and auditory comprehension.
- ✓ Provide a special calm, relaxing bonding time.
- ✓ Open the door to future learning.

Ten minutes a day can make a huge difference and you will be amazed at how quickly your child's reading improves!

PE kits should now be in school. Children may need to use their PE kit if they have a toileting accident. Formal PE lessons will begin later on in the year. If you have not already sent them in, please ensure they are in school by Friday. Please can you also provide a spare pair of knickers/pants, socks/tights, in their kit as we do not have many spares in school.

### The Importance of Water

Please provide your child with a bottle of water each day to drink as required. Please ensure that the bottle is clearly labelled and that it is only water that is enclosed. Fruit squashes, fizzy drinks etc. are not allowed as we are a healthy school. Research has shown that water improves concentration. Your brain is made of around 85% water. Even slight dehydration can affect levels of concentration, your energy and short-term memory.

### Build-a-Bear

Each class will make a class bear on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September (see separate letter). Every Friday, one child will be chosen to take the bear home for the weekend. They will be asked to include the bear in their weekend adventures and record what they do in the diary through photos, pictures and writing. Please return the bear to school on the Monday, so that your child can show and share the bear's adventures with the class.

### Reminder of Timetable

#### **Daily**

Children will arrive between 8:30-8.40am. Please drop your child off at their classroom door (conservatory door for Windsor Castle class), where they will be greeted by their teachers. Children need to be in school on time please.

#### **Week 1: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September:**

Children will stay for the mornings only. Children will be collected by their parents/carers at 12:00pm. Please wait at their classroom door (conservatory door for Windsor Castle class), where children will be released one at a time.

#### **Week 2: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September:**

Children will stay for lunch. Teachers will stay with the children during lunchtime, so please try not to worry as we will look after them. Children will be collected by their parents/carers at 1:15pm. Please wait at their classroom door (conservatory door for Windsor Castle class), where children will be released one at a time.

#### **Week 3: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September:**

Children will stay all day. Children will be collected by their parents/carers at 3:00pm. Please wait at their classroom door (conservatory door for Windsor Castle class), where children will be released one at a time.

### Wanted!

There are a number of different resources that we use in Foundation Stage and many of them are items that you may throw away at home or have excess of. We would really appreciate any donations of the following items throughout the year:

Used birthday cards; old comics/catalogues; books/toys/dolls; old mobile phones; dressing up clothes, bags and hats; shells and large stones; empty washing up liquid bottles (well washed); small cardboard boxes/food packaging (well washed); corks; fabrics including curtains and old bed sheets; saucepans, frying pans and utensils; bags of pasta and rice; food colouring; flour; ribbon; craft materials; gardening tools; shrubs and flowers.

**We are also looking for a used oven to go in our mud kitchen, so if you know anyone who is throwing an oven away, then please let us know.**

### News From Home Slips

We really appreciate that a lot of learning and fun days out also take place out of school and we would like to hear about it. In your child's bag today you will find a set of 'News From Home' slips for you to record those moments. Please do not feel that these need to be recorded every week – they are for the stand out moments when your child shows new learning/interests or when something exciting has happened at home. We look forward to receiving these and your child will also have an opportunity to share them with the rest of the class.