



Early Years Foundation Stage newsletter- Autumn term 2016

September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to all our new Foundation Stage children and parents, and welcome back to those who were in our nursery last year. We hope that you had a good summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead of us.

### **CURRICULUM**

Our theme for this term is '**Once upon a time**'. We will be reading lots of stories and talking about the characters, settings and events and relating these to ourselves. Activities will be based on the children's own individual interests, experiences and the curriculum on offer. Please see the attached curriculum overview for more details.

### **CLOTHING**

The children spend a lot of their time in the outside learning areas and they have wonderful time learning through the activities prepared for them. Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for **all weather** situations. Please ensure that your **entire child's uniform** is clearly named to avoid mix-ups.

### **CRAFT AND COOKING CONTRIBUTION**

For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a contribution of £5.00. Please return this in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

If you are able to help with cooking, please do let us know. We are always grateful for parents/carers who are able to support our activities.

### **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

We are always on the lookout for cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials including buttons, ribbons, paper and card. If you have any that you do not need at any time throughout the term, please bring them in. We appreciate this greatly.

### **PHONICS**

We will be working on our sounds every day. There will be a sound of the week when we encourage the children to bring things to school beginning with that sound to show the rest of the class and put on our sound table.

### **FAMILY READING**

This will take place once a month on a Friday at 2.50pm-3.20pm. It is an opportunity for you to come into the classroom and spend time sharing books with your child. Parents or Grandparents or Carers are welcome to join their children.

## **BUILDING BLOCKS**

As you may be aware you are going to be invited to attend 'Building Blocks' which is a series of workshops designed to show you how we teach various aspects of the curriculum. For part of the session you will be learning alongside your child.

Please fill in the form attached as soon as possible to indicate which sessions offered would work for you. Following this we will send you the dates.

## **PE**

**Tuesday** is our PE day.

Reception children should bring a **named** PE kit consisting of dark shorts and a white T-shirt, in a **named** bag. They will also need tracksuit bottoms, a long sleeved top and plimsolls or trainers for when we go outside later in the year.

A spare set of clothes could be provided in a separate named bag to hang on their pegs should your child have a little accident!

## **SESSION TIMES**

The school day for Reception starts promptly at **8:55am** and finishes at **3:20pm**, **except for Thursdays**, when school finishes at **2:30pm**.

## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality, and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. If you are late in the morning you will need to go around to the front of the school and come through the main door. You will also need to fill in your child's details in the late arrivals file. Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school.

## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Finally, parent consultations will be during the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October. However, if you do have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please do feel free to speak to us and we will arrange a suitable time, usually at the end of sessions.

## **DATES FOR THE TERM**

Family Reading- 7/10, 4/11, 2/12

Parent Consultations- 19/10, 20/10.

Foundation stage Nativity play-14/12

Yours sincerely

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