Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans
Bringing learning to life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Nursery class! I hope that you have enjoyed the first week of term; we have really enjoyed meeting you and your children. The children are beginning to settle in well and learn the Nursery routines.

The EYFS Team are as follows -
Chloe Berry - EYFS & Nursery Lead/Teacher
Mrs Jacques-Mowat - Teacher on Monday/Thursday & Friday afternoons.
Mrs A Trollope - Reception Class Teacher
Mrs Reynolds - Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Khanom - Teaching Assistant
Miss N Thomas - Early Years Practitioner
Mrs J Burke Adams - Early Years Practitioner
Mrs S Ali - Teaching Assistant
Mr P Peck - Teaching Assistant
Mrs J Crichton - Teaching Assistant

Drop Off Time
Please bring your child to the Nursery door at drop off time (8:30-8:45) where you can say goodbye. If you feel your child needs further support to settle, an adult will be there to ensure your child is comforted and reassured.
In the morning we will be at the door for you to relay any messages, for example changes to your child's routine such as a grandparent collecting rather than yourself. For the safety of your children, if you have not told us of any changes, we will not let your child go home until we have spoken to you. If you do know you are going to be late and have to make last minute pick up changes please call the school office. In addition, please relay to us any other information you think is important that could impact your child's morning, for example if they have had a late night or they haven't eaten their breakfast.

Attendance
We will lock the Nursery gate at 8:45am. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child to the main school office accessed via the car park at the front of the school. Please can you telephone the school office if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or an appointment, unless you have already informed the Nursery staff.

Hydration & snack
Please feel free to send in a named water bottle that your child can confidently use. We can replenish the bottles throughout the day. We are currently running a social snack session as part of their morning, this is where your child is able to choose a piece of fruit and sit with the adults

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and their peers and have valuable conversations about their topics of interest. The children are also offered milk as part of their snack, this will be offered in addition to water.
An afternoon snack will also be available, we ask that if you would like your child to have this please can you pay on Arbor.

Lunches
If your child is staying for lunch club (30 hr children) please do support them in making their food choices with a conversation at home about lunch options that day. Your child will then make their choice during registration each morning. Payment for lunches are made via our school app Arbor, please see our school website for more information.

Red - meat option
Yellow - jacket potato
Green - vegetarian
Blue - sandwich option

Or a packed lunch **(please remember no nuts or sesame)**

A copy of the school menu is available on the school website here and a copy is available in the Nursery.

Collection times
11:30am, 2:30pm & 3:30pm
Please wait at the pavement gate leading into the Nursery garden. We will come and open the gate to let you onto the Nursery playground and will match the children to you there. Please be patient as the children come out and collect their things as we want all of the children to leave in a safe and calm manner.
It's really important that children are collected **promptly** at their agreed finish time. This is to avoid your child getting upset while expecting you, and to enable the staff to continue with or set up for the next session. Please can we ask that you collect your Nursery child before any Camp School Siblings on a Friday afternoon. Just a **reminder that on Fridays nursery finishes at 14:30** and the rest of the school finishes at 14:35. Thank you.

Wrap Around Care
We are now offering wrap around care for our Nursery children. Mini Campers Breakfast club starts at 7:45am and Mini Campers After School Club is available from 3:30pm to 6:00pm, or from 2.30pm on a Friday. Please click here for further details.

Our Learning
We are so excited about the learning adventure ahead of us. This term our theme is All About Me. This theme lends itself well to our child-centred approach to learning, where the children develop their skills and knowledge through exploring topics of their choice. Our theme will be explored through the teaching of the 7 key areas of learning (please see our school website for more information). We will be encouraging children to talk about their homes, families and interests and

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listen to their peers. As part of our learning we would like each child to send in a photo(s) of their family.

Clothing

We love to explore the outdoors and spend a lot of our active learning time outside in all weathers. So please dress your child appropriately for all weather conditions with a warm, waterproof coat. **Please ensure that your child's clothes are named,** to avoid any mix ups and that they have a full change of clothes, including undergarments and socks. Please leave this change of clothes on your child's peg. We also ask that, if relevant for your child, that you include pull ups, wipes and nappy sacks. Please ensure your child has their hair tied back and if your child has pierced ears we ask they wear a small pair of studs.

Things from home

Sometimes children want to bring in their own toys. We ask kindly that you do not allow your child to bring them into the Nursery. If your child would like to bring a toy for the journey to school we will ask you kindly to take it back with you when you say goodbye. By doing this we can ensure that none of your children's precious things become lost or broken. Thank you for your support with this.

PE

PE will be on Wednesdays (Physical Education session). This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore the School Hall and get active. We ask that you dress your child in clothing that allows them to move freely, for example leggings & a long-sleeved t-shirt. During this session we all take off our socks and shoes. To enable your child to independently do this we ask that children wear shoes that they can easily remove and put back on. **No lace ups or tights please.**

Nursery Library

We have an abundance of books for you to borrow and return at your leisure in our Nursery cloakroom, please do not hesitate to help yourselves.

Contributions

For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £6.** Payment for this can be made on Arbor. Please could you also contribute a box of tissues for all of the sniffles we are bound to get during the colder months.

We are also on the lookout for the following items:

Ribbons
Buttons
Small boxes (cosmetic, perfume, facial cream)
Fabric scraps
Pine cones
Paper towel rolls
Corks
Straws

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Metal trays
Baskets
Wrapping paper scraps
Old magazines/travel brochures/age appropriate comics

Camp School Parent Association
Camp School has always had a wonderful active PA Team who have been vital in raising money for our School. If you feel you would like to become a member/take on a role this year please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

EYFS Key School dates
10th December - EYFS Dress Rehearsal for Festive Performance
11th & 12th December - 9:15am EYFS Festive Performance
18th December - Nursery End of Term

Please see our school website for additional school dates and events.

Yours sincerely,
Chloe Berry