

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you agree that the children seem to have settled really well and are having lots of fun at school. It is quite normal for them to feel very tired at this early stage and to tell you very little about their day! If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please come and have a chat and we will do our best to help.

In order for the day to run smoothly we would be very grateful if you could help us with the following points.

Morning jobs

Please remind your child to match their name to their photograph. They will also need to write their names on the easel as part of our morning routine. Some children will need you to help them with this, every child has a name card in their tray.

Please take time to read the information sheet on our easel which explains the activities the children will be focusing on each week. This information can also be found on the school website for those parents who are unable to come into the class.

Home time

Doors are opened at 3.10pm. If you have other children in school, please ensure you collect from Reception first. We ask for your patience at this busy time as it is important that we ensure each child is collected safely. Please note school must be informed if your child is to be collected by another adult.

Talking to your child's teacher

Your child's teacher is very happy to talk to you at the start and end of every day. If you need to do this at home time, please wait until all the children have left the carpet. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to see the teacher at another time. If you are unable to come into school, you can leave a message on the school answering machine or send an email and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Water

We encourage all children to have a named water bottle available for drinks throughout the day. Please ensure your child's bottle is easily identifiable for them and placed in the classroom. They may find a personal sticker on it makes it easier to identify. Also, don't forget to top it up daily with fresh water and take it home for washing.

Snack

Milk is provided free for all children up until the term after their fifth birthday. We have a fruit only policy and each child is allocated one piece of fruit a day. You are very welcome to bring in an additional piece of fruit to keep in your child's tray or give to the class teacher if your child is in Koala class.

PE

The children will soon be getting undressed for PE. They will need shorts and a t-shirt in a PE bag. Please hang this on your child's peg. You can support your child by encouraging them as much as possible to dress and undress independently. If they can do this by themselves at school, they feel a great sense of achievement and are soon able to move on to the next activity without needing to wait for support. Please ensure all items of clothing are named including shoes. Children easily make mistakes and put someone else's jumper on and named clothing helps us sort these mistakes out.

Outdoor clothes

Please help your child with outdoor sessions by ensuring they have a named warm and shower proof coat with a hood and a hat and gloves in cold weather. Wellies and spare socks are encouraged when snow is forecast!!!

Classroom books

Please feel free to choose books to share with your child from the book box or shelf in the classroom. These can be changed daily, weekly or however often you feel is appropriate.

Toys

Once the children are settled, it would be really helpful if they didn't bring toys from home as they are likely to get broken or lost.

Letters

Please check your child's tray daily for any news letters or other information.

Tissues

It is helpful for your child to keep a small pack of tissues in their tray.

Boxes

If you have any clean, empty boxes please bring them for us to use at school for making things. **Please do not bring boxes that have contained any nut products as we have several children in school with severe nut allergies. We also ask that you do not bring in any medicine boxes.**

Birthday treats

If you would like to give out treats to the class to celebrate your child's birthday, please ensure they are nut free.

Our topic

Our topic this half term is 'Myself and Other Animals'. We will be focusing on pets and British wildlife. If you have a friendly pet you would like to bring into school to show the children please let one of the team know.

Curriculum planning

We have a curriculum planning board outside the classrooms for your information. Please have a look to see what the children will be covering each half term.

Curriculum Meeting

There will be a detailed curriculum meeting for parents on Thursday October 4th at 6.30-7.30pm. More information to follow.

We hope you find this information useful but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards

The Foundation Stage Team