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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2018

Welcome to the Foundation stage! We have been very impressed with how well the children have started to settle in to school and how independent they are at finding their trays and putting their belongings away. Well done to all the children.

Our learning this week has focussed around settling in and getting to know and understand the new routines. We have found out where things are in the classroom, explored new resources and started to make new friends. We have also been learning what we need to do at snack times and lunchtimes. The children are starting to become familiar with our free flow system and are exploring all of the classrooms and the outside space with growing independence.

Our topic this term is 'All about me'. We will be painting self-portraits of ourselves, talking about our likes and dislikes, who is in our family and discussing the similarities and differences between us. The children will be sharing information about the special boxes they have made over the holidays. They look fantastic! We can't wait to learn about their contents. Please be reassured that all contents will be returned back to you by October half term.

Developing independence

Thank you for your cooperation with settling your child into school. From next week, please drop your child at the school gate. A member of staff will be on hand to help guide them to their classroom.

We are not able to check the children's book bags every day, if you have any information you need us to know please let the Reception team member on the gate in the morning know or catch us at the end of the day. If the information is urgent please contact the office and they will make sure the information reaches us. Please return any letters directly to the office.

We will be starting our PE lessons in the week beginning the 17th September. Initially children will be just taking socks and shoes off and will not be changing for PE. We will start changing for PE after half term. Please ensure all PE kits are in school by then. Starting the week beginning the 24th September, we will be sending home a home-learning file which will be used for keeping home learning resources together. Initially, this will contain a "Song of Sounds" book which will be added to every Friday as we teach new sounds. We will also begin to send reading books home.

Dates for your Diary

Updated Diary dates are also included in the weekly Headteacher's Newsletter

Show and Tell

Show and tell by Houses in the following Order in the Autumn Term:

24th Sept-Hampton

1st October-Ember

8th October - Claremont

15th October- Sandown

Rotation throughout the terms will continue in the order as above

Reading at home

Your child will be given 2 reading books per week to read at home. Please sign the yellow reading record to let us know that you have read with your child. Practising reading skills regularly at home will ensure that your child makes good progress in reading and will develop their confidence. Please also refer to the "Helping your child at home" booklet which will be emailed out as part of the Reception parent information pack. The booklet will provide you with some ideas for activities to support the development of phonic and reading skills.

In Reception we do not set additional homework for children as regular reading practise is the most important factor in guaranteeing success in reading. Parents can also use reading time as an opportunity to look at the "Song of Sounds book" with their child and revisit the sounds taught.

How you can help

Please bring in any recyclable materials for box modelling in Reception. Items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes and yoghurt pots would be very much appreciated.

Your generous donation will be returned to you as a fabulous creation for you to treasure!

If you are having a clear out of old toys, the Reception and Nursery would welcome any "small world" toys such as pirates, knights, dolls, fairies etc...

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you: Perhaps you have a particular skill or expertise to offer such as an interest in arts and crafts, sewing, carpentry, baking, gardening or play a musical instrument etc. Any help big or small would be much appreciated. Please enquire at the school office regarding obtaining a DBS check.