

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first EYFS Newsletter of the year! All of the children are settling in really well and are quickly learning about school routines and are making new friends.

Home School Link Books

Home school link books were issued last week. Home link books are checked every day and we will respond to your comments and queries as quickly as possible. Most school letters will be sent via e-mail so it is worth checking every day.

We are here to help...

Over the next few weeks there will be lots of information to take on board and we will do our best to keep you informed and up to date but if at any time you have a question, please do not hesitate to ask one of the team or to pop a note in your child's home link book.

Daily Routines

The pupils have settled so well from next week you will be able to drop your child off at the gate in the mornings. EYFS staff will be there to help with this transition. The end of day procedure is going well however we would like to make a tweak . Pupils going to after school club will now be collected by the staff prior to other children being dismissed. This will allow for an even smoother end to the school day.

EYFS Baseline Assessments

We are trialing the new Reception Baseline assessments. The assessments are presented in a fun and interactive way so the children will feel at ease. Although the results of these assessments are submitted directly to the DFE we will be given a narrative about every child's learning across the curriculum. This information will add to the observations we are carrying out every day in the

classroom that helps us to know your child's strengths and next steps.

If you have a question about Reception baseline please do get in touch.

Fruit

A reminder of our school snack policy-Pupils should bring a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack, such as an apple, banana or carrot. The fruit does not need to be specially wrapped or packaged.

TEN QUOTES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

"Play is the work of the child." – Maria Montessori

"Play is the highest form of research." – Albert Einstein

"It is a happy talent to know how to play." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning." – F Rogers

"The playing adult steps sideward into another reality; the playing child advances forward to new stages of mastery." – Erik H. Erikson

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." – O. F Donaldson

"The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct." – Carl Jung

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." – George Bernard Shaw

"Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play." – Plato

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." - F Roger

The EYFS Team