

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an amazing first week of school the children have had! We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into school. They have enjoyed exploring both the inside and outside classrooms and making new friends. We can't wait to welcome them back next week.

Timing reminders for next week

This week all children will be in school all day. They can be dropped off between 8.45am-8.55am and collection is at 3.00pm.

Phonics:- We will be learning the phonemes (sounds the letters make): **i,n,m** and **d** as well as reviewing the phonemes we learnt last week (**s,a,t,p**). You can practise recognising the phonemes by showing your child the sound that is printed at the back of their book. Please ensure your child is reading at home every day and you are signing their reading record book.

PE:- We will begin PE lessons on Wednesday 20th September, so please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school before then. The PE kit will then stay in school until half term when we will send it home for washing.

Maths:- We will be learning how to subitise - to 'see' amounts of numbers without having to count them. We will focus on numbers, 1, 2 and 3. We will also introduce 2D shapes and look for them in our learning environment.

At home you could:

- Finish decorating your special book. Please remember to include a photo of your child and their name on the front. We would like all the books to be in by Friday 22nd September.
- Notice 2D shapes within the environment - circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles.
- Look at your child's reading book with them and discuss the pictures and any letters. Please remember to sign their reading record.

Diary Dates:-

Meet the Teacher meetings - Find out more about what your child will be doing every day in school. Understand our expectations about how you can support your child. Have the chance to ask questions. The session will last approx. 30 minutes.

Duckling Class - 9:15am Monday 18th September

Gosling Class - 9:15am Tuesday 19th September

Cygnets Class - 2:15pm Wednesday 20th September

Wednesday 20th September 7.30pm - 9.30pm - FoML Welcome to Year R Parents (School Hall)

Friday 22nd September 2.15 pm Safeguarding meeting with Miss Morris for current & potential volunteers

Monday 25th September 9.10 am Safeguarding meeting with Miss Morris for current & potential volunteers

Friday 29th September 2.15 pm Safeguarding meeting with Miss Morris for current & potential volunteers

Reading and Writing Workshops for parents - Tuesday 26th September 9:15am - 10:15am in the Hall, repeated at 6pm online. Please come so that you can learn how to support your child with reading and writing at home.

(There will be Phonics workshops for parents on Wed 11th October). The session will last approx. 1 hour and is not appropriate for younger siblings.

Birthdays:- Across the school, children are being invited to donate a book to their class as a way to celebrate their birthday. Within the book cover, we will display the child's name and their date of birth as well as how old they are. These books will stay within classrooms for all children to enjoy for years to come. If your child has already had their birthday this academic year, please feel free to contribute a book and we will ensure that their name, date of birth and age is displayed appropriately. Please note, this is an invitation and not an expectation. Children are not allowed to bring food in to share on their birthdays.

Notice:- Please ensure all your child's items are clearly labeled with their name. We have had some unclaimed items already because they are not named.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend. Don't be surprised if your little ones are very tired after their first full week!

The Reception Team