

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the 'Meet the teacher' meetings. We hope you found them useful. If you were unable to make it, please find the slides attached. Feel free to ask your class teacher for any clarification.

The children are settling well into school and are already using the 'big' playground at lunchtime play time. We are very proud of them. We have started our phonics lessons and we have learnt our first 8 sounds - **s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d**. We have also learnt the 'Harder to Read and Spell' words 'I', 'a' and 'the'. They have been learning how to 'subitise' - to know how many are in a small group without the need to count and have begun to recognise 1, 2 and 3 in differently presented sets as well as show these amounts on their fingers in different ways.

Phonics:- We will be teaching the sounds **g, o, c, k** next week and we will be focusing on one sound per day. Please ensure you are reading at home every day and signing the reading record every time your child reads to you.

Maths:- The children will move on to counting skills next week, connecting those skills, along with subitising, to 'cardinality' - whereby the last number of a counting sequence shows us how many there are altogether.

At home you could:

- Practise counting groups of objects - you might find your child can 'help' you to do this during day-to-day events e.g, counting how many apples to put into the trolley or how many books are in a pile to go away.
- Play a game using dice - can the children recognise the number without having to count the dots?
- Talk about how they can be safe, ready and respectful at school.

Diary Dates:-

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

Tuesday 26th September at 9.15am - 10.15am- Reading and Writing workshop-School Hall.

Tuesday 26th September at 6pm - 7pm - Reading and Writing workshop - Virtual

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

Tuesday 3rd October at 2.15pm - Safeguarding meeting with Miss Morris for current & potential volunteers

Thursday 5th October at 9.05 - 10.00am - SEN Information Meeting - all parents welcome

Friday 6th October at 2.15pm - FOML (PTA) Annual General Meeting - School Hall

Save the Date

Friday 13th October at 2.15pm - 2.45pm - Harvest Soup & Bread

P.E:

PE lessons will take place every Wednesday until further notice.

Please help us to collect: pasta, flour, lentils, salt. These are to support our malleable provision on a regular basis. Thank you in advance.

Tapestry

We have begun to post photos of the children's learning on Tapestry. Please ensure that you have activated your account and if needed, please email the office to request a re-activation email.

Class Mascots

Starting next week, we will be sending home our class mascot (Daisy Duckling, Gracie Gosling and Sophie Cygnet) to one child per week with a diary, two picture books (not necessarily related to your child's reading level) and a sachet of hot chocolate. We would like you use these books to foster a love of reading by snuggling up with your child and the mascot to share the books. We would like you and your child to document your reading experience in the diary somehow - this may take the form of photos, drawings, writing or a combination of all of them. An example page will be given in the front of the book. Taking home the mascot is not a reward and all children will take part. We will choose the children based on an alphabetical list of their first names so that they will all get a turn.

Family photographs

This half term our learning theme is 'Who am I?' and as part of that we would like to start thinking about our families and celebrating the diversity within them. Please could you provide a photograph of your child in a family photograph that we

can display at school for the half term. These will be on display at child height so please do not send in precious photos. Whilst we will endeavour to return them to you in good condition, we cannot guarantee it. We will also give the children the opportunity to talk about their families to the class over the coming weeks.

Notice:

The children are doing brilliantly well settling into school. School will open them to many new experiences, and they will learn lots of new skills such as building relationships and dealing with disagreements and conflicts with peers. We will, of course, be there to support them every step of the way. Please encourage your children to speak to us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if any issues arise so that we can deal with them in a timely manner. If something is disclosed at home, please speak to your child's teacher. You can speak to them at the classroom door, or you can contact them via the School Office secretary@manby-lodge.surrey.sch.uk Emails or telephone messages will be passed on to your child's class teacher by one of the Office Team. The teacher will get back to you as soon as they can.

With very best wishes
The Reception Team