

Dear families,

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you have had a good summer holiday and that you are all well! We are looking forward to settling the children into their new classes and groups and we will start to establish our routines quite gradually in the first few days.



Please meet the team...

Miss Parkin	Miss Wright	Mrs Preston	Miss Marfo	Mrs D-M
Teacher in Class Robin Hood	Teacher in Class Sherwood Forest	Teaching assistant across both classes	Care assistant across both classes	Teacher on Tuesday afternoons

Just a few things which you might find useful...



Snack time

The children will be offered a piece of fruit each day. If you prefer, children are able to bring a **healthy snack from home** for break time. No chocolate bars or crisps. Please **do not send in any products containing nuts**. This is extremely important as we have several children with extreme allergies. We also encourage children to drink water and ask that you send in a named water bottle with fresh water every day. If you would like your child to have a carton of milk, please sign up to 'Cool Milk.' Details are on our website or you can google 'Cool Milk.' This is free until your child's 5th birthday. Once they are 5, they will automatically be removed by 'Cool Milk' and milk will not be delivered for them. If you want this to continue, you will need to resign up and pay for milk.

Reading



You will be aware that as a school, we follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme and that our reading books are linked to this. This applies to all children in FS2 and will continue through year 1. These books are phonetically decodable and match half termly assessments. We will carry out reading assessments and let you know when we have allocated books using the Collins e - book system or sent a paper copy home to those who requested this. We will update you through dojo when this will begin for the children in FS2. Children will also have access to 'Reading for pleasure' books which are not phonetically decodable, but just for you to enjoy together for story time. In addition, please continue to share any books that you have at home. We will also share a weekly story to dojo, which we may have read in class or just for enjoyment.

Book bags, letters and communication

Class Dojo has proved to be an excellent method for communication and we will continue to use this whenever possible so please check all messages. **Any messages about absence, illness or a change in the person collecting your child should be sent to the school office and NOT the class teacher as we may not see this in time due to teaching the class.** All children in FS2 should have a book bag which can fit in their tray. We do not have space for bags on pegs and they cause tripping hazards for the children. We would be grateful if you would check book bags regularly to make sure you are up to date and receive any letters that come home in paper form from time to time.

Enrichment afternoons

Tuesday afternoons provide the opportunity for the children to take part in a variety of activities to enrich the curriculum we offer. Children will participate in a music session with Mrs D-M and a PE session with our PE coaches. Mrs D-M will dismiss both classes on Tuesday afternoons. There may be occasions when an extra session takes place or a session is swapped, so we ask that your child has a PE kit in school **all week**. We recommend that you remove your child's earrings on PE days. Any earrings should be studs, not looped rings. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. Our PE kit consists of a plain, white T- shirt (no sports logos please), plain black shorts/leggings or joggers, a black tracksuit top or their Mornington zippy and black plimsolls/trainers. (Trainers can be worn for the PE session only - not the whole day.) Many of our sessions will take place outside. **Please label your child's uniform and PE kit, including plimsolls. We have a huge amount of lost property each year which cannot be returned as it is not named.**

Pencil cases/ toys from home

Children will **not** need to bring in their own pencil case. School will provide resources. In addition, could we ask that children do not bring in small toys to play with at school. Sorting out issues with lost and broken toys from home can take up a lot of time and we are keen for these issues not to arise, in addition to being very upsetting for the child.

Homework

We ask that you read at home for a few minutes each day, whether this be a phonics book, 'Reading for Pleasure' book or a book from home.

Once we get 'into the swing of things,' a maths and a phonics homework will be posted on Class Dojo on Tuesdays. This will recap prior learning and help to keep you up to date with what your child is learning in school. Phonics homework will include sounds and words to practise reading, and maths will be an activity you can complete at home. Homework does not need to be printed and can be looked at on a device. You may wish to share photos back to use on your child's portfolio.

School Clubs



Extra-curricular activities are an important part of school life. We will publish information on Class Dojo pages when these activities begin.

We are looking forward to working with your child. We hope very much that children have a happy and successful year. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to us. Please bear in mind that we will reply to any messages on Dojo when we can as we will be teaching throughout the day.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Parkin and Miss Wright