



# Early Years Autumn Newsletter



## Welcome

Welcome to a new academic year. We want to welcome all our families and children to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The adults working with your children are Miss Lloyd and Mrs Wakelin in Llamas class, Miss Dawson and Mrs Wilson in Dolphins class and Mrs. O'Halloran and Mrs. Myers in the Otters nursery class. We have a busy year ahead. Over the next few weeks the children will be getting to know the teachers, their new friends and learning the daily routines and prayers.

## The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

If you would like to find out more about the EYFS or how you can support your child at home the Department for Education and 4Children have produced a guide called 'What to Expect, When' which can be downloaded from the website:

[www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/09/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_Sept\\_2015v4WEB1.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/09/4Children_ParentsGuide_Sept_2015v4WEB1.pdf)

## Water Bottles

Your child has been given a water bottle, this corresponds with the colour group they are in. In Nursery the bottles are filled daily and they are sent home on Fridays. In Reception, children take the water bottle home and should return with it daily.

## Bookbags

Nursery bookbags come home on Fridays and reception children bring theirs home daily. Please check them every day! They will have in them:

- Any letters from the school
- Work and drawings by your child
- Library books to share with your child

- Home readers (reception children, after October half term)
- Phonics sounds (reception children, after October half term)

## Communication

We would love for you to share things with us that the children get up to out of school. You will receive information about Evidence Me, the app that we use to document your child's development. Once you have the details, you will be able to use the app to share with us any aspects of home life that you would like. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please contact the office to make an appointment with us.

## Phonics

Phonics is always happening in our environment. All classes will have regular phonics inputs. Once reception children start practicing the phase 2 letter sounds, they will bring the sounds home so you can practice together too.

The 'help at home' section of the school website has a video to support you with the correct pronunciation of the sounds if your child wants to practice at home.

## Uniform Reminders

- No earrings
- Long hair tied back
- Black shorts or leggings
- Green polo shirt
- Please bring in a pair of wellies
- If you have one, a light waterproof jacket for water play (to be kept at school)

## Ways You Can Help Us

- Make sure your child is on time every day.
- Please contact the school via the school app or by phone if your child is absent.
- Ensure all contact information is kept updated.
- Send your child in wearing the correct uniform. *Children are allowed to wear their own clothes only on their birthday.*
- Make sure **all clothing is clearly labelled**.
- Ensure bookbags and water bottles are bought to school every day.

## Resources

We are fortunate in Early Years to have a variety of resources, however to help with our creative activities and junk modelling we always need:

Cardboard - small boxes, tubes  
Old stationary – envelopes, cards, pads  
Old magazines, newspapers  
Old light weight pots, pans or metal utensils  
Paper/Paint

We are a nut free school so please do not send in boxes that have contained foods with nut traces in them.



We look forward to working with you this year.

The Early Years Team