



## **SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR YOU TO HELP YOUR CHILD SETTLE INTO THEIR NEW CLASS:**

- **Doors open at 8.40am.** You will bring your child in through the classroom door in the playground.
- **The Register is taken at 9.00am** so please make sure your child is in and settled by this time. It is normally best if you arrive by 8.50am as this gives your child time to hang up their coat, put their Book Bags into the right colour box and choose their lunch choice. They will then be expected to sit down with their friends at a table and take part in the activity. They do seem to settle better if they come and have time for all of this.
- At the **end of the day** you will meet your child from the classroom door in the playground at **3.15pm**. The gates will be locked during school hours and opened at 3.10pm.
- **Collection** - Your child will only be released to the people you name on the form you fill in. Please can we ask you to be patient with us as it takes a while for us to learn which child belongs to which parent (Mum and Dad) or Grandparents and Child-minders. We do take this very seriously so your patience will be much appreciated.  
**PLEASE COME FORWARD AND SAY YOUR CHILD'S NAME SO WE CAN BE COMPLETELY SURE WE ARE HANDING THE RIGHT CHILD OVER TO THE RIGHT PERSON.**
- Please dress your child in clothes they can manage to take on and off easily. Velcro shoes or ones they can do themselves are best for the children (*and staff!*).
- The children will play outside everyday so please send them in with a coat.
- **Please, please label all items of clothing they may take off!** This will make sure your child doesn't get upset when they can't find their clothes and it also helps staff to return them to the correct owner.
- The children need shorts and t-shirt in a draw string bag (**all labelled please**) to stay on their peg all half-term for PE lessons. *There is no need to buy plimsolls.* In the summer term we will have PE outside but we find school shoes or trainers to be the best.
- Please bring their Book Bags everyday so that the staff can hear them read and so they have something to carry home their work or letters. Please check their Book Bags each day to see their lovely creations and to check for any important letters.

- Communication with you will be mostly by email so please make sure the Office has your email so you can keep up to date with all information issued.
- You may select a hot school dinner on a daily basis by signing up on the list in the classroom. Menus are also available in advance online for you to plan when your child may like a school dinner.
- Packed lunches are kept in the boxes under their coat pegs.
- No sweets, fizzy drinks or nuts (including peanut butter) in their packed lunches please.
- Milk is free until your child reaches their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday but you will need to fill in a form for the dairy so they know you would like your child to have milk.
- Please talk to your child's new teacher about any allergies or medical requirements as soon as possible even if you have written it on a form.
- Please practise the following with your child to prepare them for September:
  1. Toileting skills so they can do this on their own.
  2. Getting dressed and undressed on their own (particularly socks).
  3. Listening to and following instructions.
  4. Sharing and playing co-operatively with other children.
  5. Using a knife and fork/eating tidily.
  6. Writing their name - only a capital letter to start their name please.
  7. Reading stories as often as possible to your child - perhaps join the Library?
  8. Counting and playing number games to help them recognise their numbers from 0 - 10.
  9. Tidying up their toys - this gives them good sorting skills as well as preparing them for helping around the classroom.
- Please remember that your child is important to us and each child will find the settling in process different. We will work with you to plan what is best for your child if they are finding this difficult. However little their worries may seem please let us know so that we can help them to overcome them.
- Finally, thank you for all your support with the above points and we look forward to working together with you and your child.

