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Dear Parents and Carers,

Starting school is an important milestone, and we are delighted to welcome your child on their first day. As they begin their journey in Reception, they will encounter many new faces, experiences, and routines. While this is an exciting time, it can also feel like a big step for both children and their families.

You can play a vital role in helping your child feel confident and prepared for this transition. For some children, this may be their first time spending an extended period away from a parent or carer. Talking positively and regularly about school, sharing your enthusiasm, and highlighting the enjoyable experiences ahead can make a significant difference. When children feel excited and reassured, they are more likely to approach their first day with confidence and curiosity.

At school, we place great importance on kindness, sharing, and taking turns. These values help children build strong, positive relationships with others. You can support this learning at home by encouraging and praising these behaviours whenever you see them.

We understand that saying goodbye can be difficult. However, children often take their emotional cues from you. A warm smile and a cheerful goodbye will help reassure them that they are safe and that school is a happy place to be. If possible, giving your child opportunities to spend time with other trusted adults and practise positive goodbyes can also ease this transition.

Please remember, we are here to support not only your child but you as well. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to a wonderful start to your child's school journey.

Dates for your diary:

Parents coffee morning- **Thursday 4th June 10-10.45am** We will be hosting a Q and A session and chance to meet and chat with other parents

Teddy bears picnic **Monday 8th June 3.45-4.15pm** Children can bring a teddy bear to listen to a story, play with new friends and chat with their teachers.

Stay and play morning- **Tuesday 30th June** Half the class settling in session with a parent/carer. You will receive a text message confirming what time your child will be attending once we have allocated class teachers.



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Home visits

Home visits will be on Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 10 minute informal visit to your home to meet your child. So your child can meet their teacher and ask any questions they might have about starting. You will receive a time slot via text message as soon as we have allocated classes.

Children will have a staggered start in September. Transition is hugely important to us and though many children will have been in nursery for long hours, school is a new environment with lots of new faces. We have had great success with children entering into school happily and confidently which enables all other learning to take place.

Week beginning 7th -On Monday and Tuesday children will be in school 9am-11.35pm (Picked up before lunch),

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday children will be in school 8.40-1.30pm (until after lunch). Children can bring in a packed lunch or order lunch from school.

Week beginning 14th Children will be in for full days (8.40-3.15pm)

Each day children should be lined up and ready to come in at 8.35 for a 8.40 start.

If we feel your child is finding it tricky to settle we will let you know and possibly consider a more gradual start.

We will also endeavour to visit as many nursery settings as we can to understand more about your child in their own environment. Alternatively, we will be having phone call meetings with your child's current key person to find out about their interests and friendships.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Morris

EYFS lead

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