



Reception Newsflash



Friday 15th September 2023

Reception Weekly News

What a lovely first full week we have had. I am sure (like the staff) the children will be tired after a busy 5 days but we look forward to seeing them, well rested, after the weekend. This week we have been learning our school Golden Rules. We read a lovely story about some monsters who had started a new school and were learning the new rules. The children were able to talk about why school rules are important and staff emphasised that rules are there to keep us all safe. We shared our Golden Rules poster with the children. At the weekend why not ask your child to see if they can remember any of the school rules? There is a picture here that can act as a prompt.



We have also been drawing self portraits and these are being displayed so that all children have a piece of work up in the classroom that they can be proud of. We have started our phonics this week and have already learnt the alphabet song. We have been listening to rhyming stories and clapping the sounds in words. Thank you 😊 We have also been into the hall for our first PE Session and what fun we had! We explored moving in a variety of different ways and learnt the rules for when we are in the hall.

This week we have also spent time in our Learning Garden and finding out what is in each of the sheds to support our learning. We have enjoyed being builders, playing in the water and accessing our sports equipment.

Drop off and collection

Thank you for your support with drops offs and collections. In order to ensure that children safely enter the building please can we ask that once a child has started walking up the ramp that you exit the playground via the small gate. We appreciate it is nice to wave children into the school building but this can cause a bottle neck at the end of the ramp and therefore this can become unsafe for children still coming in. When we dismiss children at the end of the school day, please can we ask that you only wave when your child is at the front of the line. We are still familiarising ourselves with parents and this makes it easier to spot where you are standing and speeds up the process- particularly as we are drawing into the winter months.

Activity Passports

Activity passports have been given out to all our children. Children who attended Forefield Nursery last year should already have one, if not please speak to a member of staff. If you were unable to attend our meet the teacher meetings and would like a meeting please arrange to speak to a teacher.

Water Bottles

We are aware that some parents are worried about the amount of water their child is drinking, please do not worry. All children are offered a drink in the morning, either milk or water and they all get a drink with their lunch which is a choice of juice or water. We therefore ask that only water comes in, in the children's water bottles.

Forest School

This week it is Class one's turn in FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school sessions will take place for

Class 1 on Monday 18th September

Class 2 on Monday 25th September

Class 3 on Monday 2nd October

Class 1 on Monday 9th October

Class 2 on Monday 16th October

Class 3 on Monday 30th October

Children will come to school in their PE kit; School t-shirt, School jumper/PE jacket, tracksuit bottoms.

They will require a

- Waterproof and warm over-jacket
- Waterproof trousers or dungarees
- Baseball hat, keeps the rain and sun out of the eyes
- Beanie hat that can be worn over baseball hat.
- Mittens, snood (no scarves please)
- Wellies or snow boots
- Long sleeved Thermal top and long pants (leggings)

We suggest wearing the thermal top to come to

school in as we can remove layers easily in the morning session.



If you are concerned on colder days about your child's warmth, please put another layer in the bag ie thicker socks or a fleece, as it is easy to remove layers once out in the Forest School.

If you do not have kit, please let your class teacher know ASAP so that we can try and sort something out for you.

Weekly Home Learning Challenges

This weeks home learning challenge is for children to practise putting their coats on as independently as possible. Please also practise taking on and off children's shoes in preparation for PE and practise using a knife and fork!

Library Books

Please note that children will bring home a new library book on a Friday so we ask that books are returned the following week so that there is a good selection of books for children to choose from.

Important Information

Snack money is £10 per term or £30 for the year. Please send any payments for snack with your child in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the title 'Snack Money'. You can pay for a term or for the full year. Children will be provided with fruit and milk each day. We also use this money for all the extra exciting things we do like baking, traditional tales feasts to name a few! Please note that children **are not** permitted to bring in their **own snack**.