

# Autumn 1 half term

## Welcome to Early Years

### **Staff**

Mrs Mrs Sarah Ives (Early Years leader and Reception Class teacher)

Mrs Katrina Cartner (Higher Level Teaching assistant)

Mrs Natalie Cartner (Teaching assistant)

Miss Wendy White (Teaching assistant mornings)

Mrs Debbie Proudman (Teaching assistant - support)

Mrs Catherine Reay (Teaching assistant – support)

We would like to welcome all the children who are new to our school. We will all be getting to know one another this half term. Reception children will be very tired as they start to have full days in school and Nursery children will be getting used to coming every day. There is a lot for children to get used to as they join the rest of the school for lunchtimes and playtimes. Please talk to us if you have any concerns.

### **Risk Assessment**

As you are aware, we have an updated risk assessment for Covid-19. This is also on the school website. We have been working hard to make the classrooms as inviting as possible whilst keeping everyone safe. The children will have a smaller selection of toys to play with so they can be cleaned regularly. The children do not need to socially distance but we will be encouraging them to wash their hands more often and use tissues. Parents are not allowed to bring children into school at the moment and please remember to socially distance when waiting in the playground.

### **P.E.**

We go over to the hall for our class P.E. sessions. We will be working with Coach David every Thursday morning. Children do not need to bring any shoes as we do our lessons in bare feet in the hall. We are working to keep the staff as safe as possible so would ask you to send children in jogging bottoms or leggings on Thursdays. This will mean that they only need to remove their shoes, socks and jumper for P.E. Also, please remember that jewellery must not be worn for safety reasons.

### **School lunch**

The lunch menu is on our school website. If you feel there is a meal your child would not enjoy you can order a sandwich or a jacket potato for that day. Please order for the week with Mrs Gregory on Monday

mornings. Orders will be taken on the playground or by phone/email at the moment.

### **Snack money**

Snack money for this half term is £3. Please place this in an envelope with your child's name on ready for them to bring into school.

### **Star Moments**

We love to hear about your child's achievements at home. It helps us to learn about their interests and means we can talk about them at school. We sent home a packet of cards with everyone. If your child does something new or special at home please fill in a card and ask your child to bring this into school. There are always more cards available so please ask. After celebrating your child's achievements, we will put your cards in the children's individual books. Thank you.

## **Our topic this half term is Nursery Rhymes**

We will be learning lots of different rhymes and particularly focusing on:

Humpty Dumpty  
Baa Baa Black Sheep  
Hickory Dickory Dock  
The Grand Old Duke of York  
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star  
Incy Wincy Spider

It would be lovely if you are able to sing these with your child at home.

If you need to speak to us about anything at all the end of the session is the best time. If you can wait until all the children are safely out then we will have time to talk to you properly. Individual parent's meetings will be held in November. Details to follow after half term.

Please keep checking on the website as we will be uploading photographs of the children and the classrooms.