

September 2018



## Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Firstly we would like to welcome your child to Foundation Stage 2. We recognise the importance of your child's first year at school, making it an enjoyable and exciting experience that fosters their love of learning. We are continuing with the E-Learning Journeys this year, "Tapestry" which we will be sharing with you over the coming weeks. The Learning Journeys allow you the opportunity to really see what your child is learning at school and to tell us what they have been learning at home too.

Our topic this term is: My favourite Things (please see the attached topic web). Please make a note of the dates for this half term and we hope to see many of you at our class café in October.

All FS2 children take part in PE once a week. Please can we ask that all PE kits are in school and are clearly labelled as soon as possible. Please could you be practising getting dressed and undressed in preparation.

Can we ask that if your child is having hot school meals you help them practise using a knife and fork at home as it will help with their independence. We will practise at school too.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 we begin our first stay and learn sessions. These will run every other week from 8.50am - 9.10am. We welcome any adult that can stay and learn with your child (eg. Grandparents etc) so don't worry if you can't come personally. If you cannot come to these sessions we will always make sure your child has an adult to learn with. Our first session will focus on the Early Years Curriculum and daily routines. We will also send a letter home explaining what we have learnt.

We hope that you are enjoying choosing and sharing our school library books. You can change it every day or keep it for a few days but please remember to write it down on your book mark. When you have shared 10 books your child will get a special sticker and a new book mark! We will start to send reading books home after half term. It is really important you share books or hear your child read as often as you can. Once a day for 5 to 10 minutes is enough to make a huge difference.

We encourage the children to share their learning so anything they are proud of that they have done at home we would love to put on our home learning board. We will also ask you to share WOW! moments linked to our learning (more information on this at our Stay and Learn sessions).

Once the children have settled in we welcome parent helpers into class. A DBS form needs to be completed and can be collected from the school office. There will also be an induction session for all adults before starting to help in class.

There is also the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher at a Parent Consultation. These will take place in the week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 (more information nearer the time).

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant at the end of the school day. You can also speak to the class teacher by phoning or emailing the school office.

The Foundation Stage 2 Team  
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