



January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the spring term! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and are ready for a very busy term!

This term promises to be as busy as the last one. Please make sure you check letters and the school website for dates as there will be a lot going on.

Attached to this letter are details of some of the things your child will be learning over the next term. Our topic this term will be 'Once upon a rhyme', where we will look at traditional stories, modern classics and nursery rhymes. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children to do!

Please can we remind you that session times are 8.40-11.40. We aim to open the doors at 11.35 to help with congestion but we do expect all children to be collected by 11.40. We understand sometimes people are unexpectedly delayed. If this is the case please phone the school office as soon as possible so that they can get a message to us and we can reassure your child.

If there have been any childcare changes since last term please let us know as soon as possible. For your child's safety we can only let them go with yourselves or others you have informed us of so please take the time to let us know if someone else is collecting or if any phone numbers have changed. If circumstances change on the day please remember to call the school office as soon as possible so they can get a message over to us.

Please make sure **ALL** items of uniform/clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name. This also includes hats, gloves and scarfs and coats. Also remember we go outside in all weathers, even snow, so your child needs to come into Nursery dressed appropriately. Thank you for your support last term with encouraging the children to put their coats on independently, it really has made a difference. Gloves on elastic are also a good idea so they do not get lost.

Snack money for this half term remains £1.00 per week, £5.00 for the half term or £11.00 up until Easter. The preferred method of payment for snack money is school Gateway. If you are still paying by cash please make sure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount clearly written on it. We appreciate the prompt payment of snack money. We pride ourselves on offering the children a wide choice of healthy foods during the week but also this money allows us to buy enrichment materials such as ingredients for cooking which is a favourite activity for most of the children! Without your assistance we would not be able to do these activities as often.

The order of sounds we will be covering this half term is posted on our notice board. Please return sound books every **Monday**, ready for the new sound to be added. We are also happy for the children to find items at home, beginning with our sound, to bring to school and add to our 'sound table' display. We usually keep these things until the end of the week, when they are sent home, but please don't worry if your child insists on taking things home the same day!

## Acorn Morning

Phonics continues to be on a **Tuesday** and the order of sounds for this term is:

Week beginning	Phoneme
9 <sup>th</sup> January	m
16 <sup>th</sup> January	d
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	g
30 <sup>th</sup> January	o
6 <sup>th</sup> February	c/k
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
20 <sup>th</sup> February	e
27 <sup>th</sup> February	u
6 <sup>th</sup> March	r
13 <sup>th</sup> March	recap
20 <sup>th</sup> March	recap
27 <sup>th</sup> March	recap

As you may be aware throughout the year we compile a Learning Journey for your child. This evidences their progress in Nursery and how we help your child's development. A very important feature of your child's journey is how we work together, with you, to help your child. This is going to be a focus area for us in Nursery for the rest of the year. In the cloakroom there are always stickers available for you to complete a 'special moment' from home. This can be anything from learning or demonstrating something new, to a family day out or celebration. Please do try and complete these stickers when you can. This half term we will endeavour to send home notes on what we have been working on in class. We call these 'next steps'. Please try and support us by working on the next step with your child at home and then updating us on how they got on. It is okay if children don't get their next step immediately, every step forward is progress and worth celebrating!

Do remember to look at our notice board - it contains lots of information, including some of the activities the children participate in during the week. If you have any question, please come in and speak to a member of staff.

Finally, some reminders of dates for the rest of this term:

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Bags 2 school (please leave any bagged textiles in the bike shed)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	E-safety parents talk.(please pre book a place via the school website)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Parents consultations (Nursery only- in Nursery classroom)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents consultations (main school hall)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents consultations (main school hall)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Show and share

**School closed for half-term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Thank you for your continued support,

Charlotte Saunders and Heather Cannon.