



May 2018

Dear Parents,

Afternoon Nursery

Welcome back to the summer term. As always this term promises to be a very busy one!

This term our topic is 'Water, Water Everywhere'. We did a brainstorm of this topic with the children and they came up with some fantastic ideas. They were most enthused by the idea of pirates so, this is our starting point.

Please read the curriculum coverage to see what we will be teaching this term. As always there are lots of ways you can help support your child. Make sure when you work through your child's sound book you revise all taught phonemes so they are familiar to your child. You can also work with your child on writing their own name. Please ensure correct letter formation and make sure they are holding their pencil correctly. Library books are also a great way to help your child. Not only do children love to be read to but a love of books will help with future reading! Please change your library book at the **beginning** of the session and **put them back in the green tray**, not the box, so that we can check them back in. We will also continue to send home some home/school partnership sheets with one of your child's individualised next step on it. Please support us by working on the target and updating us as to how they are getting on.

We will continue our daily mile this half term, aiming to increase the total laps by the end of the year. The idea is that the children run in their uniform so there is no need to send them in anything different however we will need sun hats to help stop us getting too hot. We do encourage the children to drink water after each run.

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. For health and safety reasons children cannot go on the climbing frame or on the scooters or bikes unless they have suitable footwear. Please make sure that children wear closed shoes and that the shoes do not have laces. As the weather improves please make sure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and brings a named hat with them. Children are not allowed to wear sunglasses at school unless there is a medical reason.

Snack money for this half term remains £1.00 per week, £6.00 for the half term or £13.00 up until the end of term. The preferred method of payment is through School Gateway. Thank you for your contributions towards snack. We try and provide the children with a variety of snacks including exotic fruits, meats and savoury bits. We also use this money for our weekly cooking and other activities such as the Easter egg hunt. These things would not be possible without your donations.

If there is a change in the person who is going to be collecting your child from school or a change in circumstance, please let one of the adults know. Little changes can sometimes manifest themselves through different behaviours in the children and it is always helpful if we are in the know to be able to deal with this.

Phonics this term will be:

Week beginning 16 th April	h
Week beginning 23 rd April	b
Week beginning 30 th April	f
Week beginning 7 th May	l
Week beginning 14 th May	j
Week beginning 21 st May	v
Week beginning 28 th May	Half term
Week beginning 4 th June	w
Week beginning 11 th June	x
Week beginning 18 th June	y
Week beginning 25 th June	z

Once we have finished all the sounds, we will spend the rest of the term making sure the children can recognise and name as many as possible, with and without picture prompts, begin to recognise and read some simple phonetic words and begin to learn how to write the letters, forming them correctly. Please continue to practise the sounds with your child and keep their sound book handy for reference and consolidation.

Just a reminder regarding birthdays: Please could you be mindful of the nursery sessions before you book any parties for the morning. We will still have a curriculum to deliver to the children in the afternoon and this is difficult to do if the children have been at a party in the morning! Several parents have asked about bringing in a treat for the class on their child's birthday. As mentioned in the welcome pack we ask you not to bring sweets in. Please do not feel you have to bring in anything, however if you would like to then a sticker, pencil or even a donation of a book for the class library are some suggestions.

As always we will update the notice board with the weeks activities and phonics along with any other important information. Please do keep checking for updates.

Some upcoming events this half term

Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Saturday 12 th May	May Fayre
Friday 25 th May	Inset day – school closed
School closed for half-term: Monday 28th - Friday 1st June	
Friday 6 th July	Seaside Day at school (TBC)
Friday 20 th July	Summer disco
Monday 23 rd July	Sports day (Reserve day Tuesday 24 th July)
Tuesday 24 th July	Final session at nursery

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Foster and Miss Cannon