



## **Newsletter**

### **Squirrels - Term 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and a very warm welcome to our Charborough Road school community - the children settled amazingly during our first full week together, I hope you feel you have too! We are super excited to support not only your child in the first year of their school journey but also you. It was so lovely to meet lots of you during our home visits and we are very much looking forward to getting to know all of you even more throughout the year. Hopefully we were able to answer lots of your questions during the home visits but just in case, here is a summary of everything you need to know for Term 1.

#### **Curriculum Focus**

'All About Me' is our focus for Term 1. We ensure plenty of time is given for supporting the children to feel settled and used to all the general daily routines we have in reception. We will be spending lots of time playing and encouraging the children to fully explore the environment whilst making new friendships within the class. During carpet sessions, we will be using Jigsaw (PSED time) to talk about our families and share information about ourselves with each other. We will be developing our speaking and listening skills through games, songs, stories and conversation. One of our focus texts will be 'The Colour Monster' to encourage the children to explore vocabulary around emotions and talk about how they are feeling.

A phonics workshop will be organised after school one evening this term. I will let you know the date asap. Our maths investigations for Term 1 are based around matching, sorting, comparing and simple pattern making.

#### **General Information**

Daily, your child will need to bring in:

- Water bottle
- Book bag or rucksack
- Weather appropriate clothing (e.g. hat / coat)
- Packed Lunch (if they are having one)
- Morning snack (no nuts, crisps or chocolate)

It is really useful to send in a change of school clothes, including underwear, which can stay on their peg as accidents do happen. Please ensure that anything being sent to school belonging to your child is named (including water bottles and snack pots).

We will aim to start our weekly Forest School sessions half-way through Term 1. We will start our weekly PE lessons at the beginning of Term 2. Information about days and clothing will be sent out once the children are settled in school.

Arbor is used for booking lunches, breakfast club and educational visits. If you are having problems accessing

it, please get in touch with the office and they will be able to help - particularly if you have a child at a different setting who is also setup on the system.

### **Communication**

Seesaw is our main method of communicating information for both the class and any wider school events happening. If you have any problems or questions when using it, please just get in touch.



### **Important Dates:**

Where needed, more information will be sent out closer to the time of the event happening.

Tuesday 6th October @ 15:30 Parents Phonics talk in the EYFS classroom

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 14:30 EYFS Autumn Poetry Recital

### **Anything Else!**

As part of our 'All About Me' theme, we would love for you to send in a family photograph that can be displayed in our classroom in celebration of the children and you. We have already received lots, but it would be great to have a full house! You are welcome to send one in that you already have (I promise they will be looked after!) or send one via Seesaw and I will print off.

During the first few weeks of the children starting school, we complete the statutory reception baseline assessment. A government information leaflet with further details will be uploaded to Seesaw over the next few days for you to look through.

You will need to complete a form for any absence requests or medical appointments, please get in touch with the office for these. If your child has asthma or a specific medical need such as a severe allergy, you will need to complete a health care form that stays with us in Squirrels along with their medication. Again, just get in touch with the office for this.

If you have any questions or queries at any point throughout the term, please just get in touch through Seesaw or at drop off/pick up. We are here to support you and your child's school journey and are feeling very excited about the year ahead.

Many Thanks

Miss Dyer, Mrs Byrom and Mrs Gallagher