"We will work in partnership to continue to build the unique foundations for your child's learning"

## PARENTS NEWSLETTER

#### October 2021

We would like to give a very big welcome to all our new children, (some of whom are still starting ©).

**In Star Room**; Nina; Oscar; Yuvin; Precious; Hermione; Kelcy; Jimmy; Ahmed; Samuel; Esmae; Gracie; Liam; King-Kyro; Ellie; Sianna; Quinton; Kayden; Taqwa; Ayo; Sanjeev; Oliver; Dayana; Marvi; Rayan; Wilson; Ali; and Aleema.

**In Space room**; Lola-Mae; Arsenie; Iruoma; Reenie; Deniz; Cairo; Ambri; Cataleya; Raifa; Carter-John; Amy; Rishab; Esmee; Elijah; Aretas; and Krisha.

In Moonlight Room; Nick; Charlie; Mollie; Morgan; Sumaya; Marley; Jaxx; Arthur; and Albie.

Just a reminder of the session times now that we have more children having their full session.

AM 9am - 11.15/30 finish.

(all children to be collected by 11.30 as lunches are eaten at that time.)

PM 12.45 - 3/3.15 finish

(all children to be collected by 3.15 as staff need to use the time to clean and plan for the next day.)

#### **Toileting**

It is very important that we work together when toileting children. This helps to stop any confusion for them. At school the adults are not allowed to wipe your child after they have been to the toilet. This is to protect your child and our staff from any safeguarding accusations. This makes your role as the parents and carers even more important. Your child needs to be independent with this and it's your job to teach them  $\odot$ . We are happy to support you and to work with you to do this. They also need to start to be able to adjust their clothes afterwards and can only do this if you allow them to keep trying to do it themselves. If your child is still in nappies, then please make sure that they have a clean nappy on for the start of the session.

### Stay and Play

Saturday 9th October 2021 10-11.30

How we help your child to learn to read and what you can do to support your child.

We will have activities and fun things to do and something for each child to take away. We are happy to answer any questions you might have. Unable to make that Saturday? Not

a problem, Gill will be holding 'drop ins' where we will also discuss and share ideas for reading. These will be on 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 and 1pm, please book a place in the office. If demand is high, we will run more sessions.

Thank you to everyone who has made a school fund contribution. If you have not done so then you can still donate. We ask for school fund which helps us to buy the little things that we are unable to get from our budget. It pays for all the photos that we put in your child's profile, for the snacks that we give the children each day. We spend over £50 a week on fruit and snacks but we will not be able to continue to do this without your generosity. Moving forward we will remind you about school fund through 'parent pay'. It is a voluntary contribution though, and we are always grateful for the money we get.

If your circumstances have changed and you might now be entitled to free school meals, then please contact us. We are happy to try and support you with any application. If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.

As many parents and carers who have had other children at this school will know. We have a 'No mobile phone' on this site. We ask that the mobile phones are placed in pockets or bags until you are back out on to the road. There are two reasons for this. We know that images of children are taken in school and posted to the internet without parental consent. There was a case in another area of a child being abused whilst it was live streamed. In this school the cloakrooms are in or near the toilets. We have a duty to protect your child, we do this by banning mobile phones. It is also a really nice time to be able to talk to your child about what they might do or did do at school that day. Thank you



# Heritage Week & A Book sale.

Next week is Heritage week; we will hand out a separate flier for that. On Thursday 14th October we will be selling books. We will have new books at  $\P$ £3 each and second hand books for £1. (If you have any good quality books that $\P$ you no longer need we would welcome any donations.) The money raised by the sale goes towards buying Christmas presents for the children.

Birthdays; we are always happy to help the children celebrate their birthdays. We love it when you bring in fruit for the children to share. But please note that we WILL NOT give out party bags or gifts to the other children. We have children who are allergic to a number of different things, and it can lead to pressure for other parents to do the same.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this. Gill & all the staff