

# FAMILY UNIT Newsletter

## Autumn 1

Welcome to an exciting Autumn term in the Family Unit, we are so pleased to see you all again after such an unprecedented few months and have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back.

look forward to working with your children and have lots of exciting plans! This half term our topic is 'ourselves', focusing on our families and our individual uniqueness!

We look forward to sharing your children's achievements with you through our online journals on 'Tapestry'. Please upload pictures of weekend activities and new skills your child shows you at home regularly so we get to know your children really well. If you have any issues logging in or uploading pictures or videos, please let us know and we will help.

As the Family Unit class is now made up of pre-nursery, nursery and reception all together our staffing has changed slightly.

**Miss Orr** - full time

**Mrs Walton** - mornings

**Mrs Hardacre** 11- 2.30 each day

**Mrs Gillatt**- Monday- Thursday

**Miss Wood**- Thursday afternoon and Friday

## DATES

### October

4<sup>th</sup> Grandparents & Family Afternoon Tea

10<sup>th</sup> Phonics Workshop 2.45pm

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings

26<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

### November

4<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL RE-OPENS



## LITERACY & MATHS

**Early Years** is a crucial time to develop children's communication and literacy skills. Please see the attached booklet which explains each stage. To support the activities we do in school, we will be uploading videos and information specific to your child's group on what you can do at home to help through Tapestry. If you need help to access your Tapestry account please speak to Mrs Gillatt.

((Phonics homework will be set to help your child embed their new learning and to allow them to show you at home what they can do. Please ensure this is a fun time with your child, tailor the activities you do towards your child's own interests and celebrate their achievements with them))

We encourage all parents to read with their child every day. Encourage them to join in with well-known sections of the story, talk about the pictures and guess what might happen next. Ask 'what if' questions and talk about how things make you feel. Once your child is able to blend sounds together to make words, they will start bringing home a book to support their independent reading.

To support your child's progress in math's, please make use of every opportunity during your daily routines at home to encourage them to count, recognise numbers, talk about shapes, money and

time. Again, math's homework will be set for Reception children each week through Tapestry to support our new learning in school.

## **PE**

Children in reception will begin formal PE lessons next half term to support their physical development alongside our outdoor area challenges. To begin with these sessions will focus on supporting your child's growing independence getting themselves dressed and undressed. Please support this by encouraging them to do this at home with limited support and remember that children need to come to school wearing their PE kits on Fridays!

**PE Kits: Black/ navy tracksuit bottoms, plain white t-shirt, black/ navy jumper/ hoodie, trainers.**

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS...**

### **GENERAL**

- Children often get attached to items from the classroom and like to take them home with them, if you ever find any tucked away safely in pockets or bags please send them back and reassure them that they will be ready for them to play with at school!
- Please do not allow your child to play in the outside area if it has been set up ready for the day's activities.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home into school. We are maintaining high levels of hygiene and cleanliness and are ensuring that all toys and resources in the classroom are cleaned each day.

### **CLOTHING**

- Children should wear a clean set of uniform (or clothes for Nursery and Pre-nursery) every day.
- Please keep a labelled full set of clothes and shoes on your child's peg. This should be kept at school and will only be sent home should a fresh set be needed.
- Sensible shoes should be worn every day, suitable for indoor and outdoor wear. On very wet days, please bring a separate pair of indoor shoes/ pumps. Wellies can be left on the bench by your child's peg. A coat must also be brought every day. Please help your child to learn to get their own coat and shoes on and off.

### **FOOD & DRINK**

- Milk is provided free every day for children under 5. Once your child turns 5, please speak to the school office to arrange payment if your child still wishes to receive milk.
- Please ensure your child has a labelled drinks bottle. Children have access to these throughout the day and we will encourage children to drink regularly.
- School dinners are free for all children in Reception and are available at a cost for Nursery children who stay all day. Please arrange payment with the school office if you would like to order one. The school dinner menu rotates on a 3-weekly basis and will be available to view on the school website as well as in class for you to choose on a daily basis with your child.
- Please ensure packed lunches support a healthy and balanced diet. We do not allow fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or cakes and NO NUTS. We are a completely nut free school due to allergies.