



Moredon Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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I hope you are finding that your child has settled in well after their first week. Here are a few key pieces of information for you, most of which will hopefully be reminders from the open evening and home visits which took place last academic year.

As you are all aware, your child will need a book bag. You will find a coloured tag with your child's photo on, attached to the bookbag. This will help your child distinguish their bookbag from other children's. The colour also has a meaning. If your child has a yellow tag, their key worker is Miss Godfrey/Mrs Wells. If your child has a blue tag, their key worker is Mrs Woodman and if your child has a red tag their key worker is Mrs Essam.

Your child will be given the opportunity to take home a different reading book every day, for you to share with them, so please ensure the bookbag comes in daily. Some letters may be sent home on paper and these will go in your child's bookbag, but most letters will now be accessed via ClassDojo. Inside the bookbag you will also find your child's yellow reading record.

The yellow reading record is for you to record when you read with your child at home. You will find key questions and ideas in the front of the yellow book which will help you when you read with your child. In previous years, children have received prizes for reading a certain number of books or for reading particular stories but this will no longer happen.

I have also set up a ClassDojo account for each of you. This provides you with the opportunity to share information about your child's life, outside of nursery. For example, your child may have joined a club, or spent the weekend away and you may have photos that you want to share of this time together. Your child may be learning to ride a bike and this would be something nice to share. We will have a sharing time where I will share ClassDojo portfolio uploads with the class so please keep these updated regularly - I will share a Dojo post to show you how to do this but first, you must make sure you have activated your child's account, as well as your own. ClassDojo is also a communication tool where you can send me private messages and I can post whole class notifications too so please keep a close eye on it; whole-school notifications are shared this way as well.

We will also be having a regular snack that is not covered by the government's milk or fruit scheme. This snack may involve cooking, e.g. cakes, biscuits or may be part of a themed week, e.g. noodles at Chinese New Year. To cover the costs of the additional snack, we ask that you make a voluntary £10 donation for your child to cover the costs of the ingredients/food. You will receive the ParentPay log-in details soon so that you will be able to make this contribution online.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle. A spare change of clothes for your child's peg would also be beneficial **if** your child is likely to have accidents. PE kits will be needed closer to Christmas but I will keep you updated on that. It would be useful to bring in a pair of wellies so that your child can take part in mud kitchen play, before we start Welly Wednesdays later in the year. We have noticed that lots of uniform is not named so please take time to do this and check belongings regularly as names do wash off. We also have a lot of children that are not registered for the Cool Milk scheme. Parents must do this themselves online; it is not something the school can do. The leaflet was handed out to you in your child's admission pack, explaining how to join up. If you have misplaced your copy, please collect one from the school office.

Please keep an eye on the noticeboard outside the front entrance to nursery. The noticeboard will have extra copies of letters, plans for the weeks ahead as well as a list of activities which your child will take part in each week.

Thank you for your co-operation during last week's part-time week.

Miss Godfrey