



Foundation Stage Newsletter

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to you all and a warm welcome to our new children and their families. We are really pleased with how all the children are settling to their new routines and the Foundation Stage classroom has already been a hive of activity. Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging the children to learn all about each other. We will be talking about ourselves, our likes/dislikes, our families and the things that are special to us.

Uniform

Please, please, please ensure that all uniform is named (including coats and shoes). There is a much greater chance of lost items being returned to their rightful owners if they are named - especially if they accidentally go home with the wrong person!

Water bottles

Please could your child bring a named water bottle to school and remind your child to put it in the water bottle tray every morning. Your child will have free access throughout the day, we send the bottles home each day.

PE: FS2

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on a **Thursday** (this day may change throughout the year). They will need to wear an **indoor kit** (white t-shirt and black shorts). The children do indoor PE in bare feet so no indoor shoes are required, please wear school shoes as normal. The children will still be outside throughout the day so please ensure they also have a jumper/warm/waterproof coat according to the weather.

FS1 – No PE kit is required.

Making and baking

We aim to make and bake with the children on a regular basis. If you are able to donate £2 towards the cost of ingredients this term, it would be much appreciated. Please make us aware of any allergies your child has, this information is vital for when we do carry out baking activities.

Foundation Stage Outdoor Equipment

For health and safety reasons, please ensure your child **DOES NOT** climb on the outdoor equipment **before and after school**. We would also ask that they **DO NOT** play with any of the equipment that has

been set out ready for the day ahead.

Outdoor/Messy Play

As the children have free access to outdoor play in all weather, we ask that you send a pair of named wellies and if possible an all in one waterproof with your child to stay in school.

The children will have the opportunity to get stuck in to 'messy play' areas such as the mud, water and sensory activities that will vary weekly. As the weather changes please ensure you send your child with the appropriate clothing for outdoor activities – waterproof coat, gloves, hat etc.

We love messy play in Foundation Stage and getting our hands dirty, we do our best to keep the children clean and they are encouraged to wear aprons but please be mindful whoopsie daisies can happen.



We will aim to post pictures/activities that we have been doing on the Foundation Stage blog weekly, this can be found on the school website. We also have a school Twitter page which you can follow and keep up to date with what is happening.

We know these first few weeks are the hardest (for children and parents!!), so please do not hesitate to ask us about any queries you may have or for any reassurances you may need.

Mrs Laughton, Mrs Joplin, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Gell, Miss Johnson and Mrs Shipley

The Foundation Stage Team

