

WELCOME TO MOUSE, HEDGEHOG AND DRAGONFLY CLASS

Dear Families,

What a lovely start to the year! The children are continuing to settle into school, their classes and all of the new routines really well. Thank you for all of your support so far. This letter is an introduction to Reception and some notices about future dates.

CURRICULUM –

This week and the next week are our Baseline weeks. This is an assessment time where we use the information from your child's Nursery, yourselves and our observations to create a picture of where your child is currently academically and socially. This allows us to create a bespoke curriculum for the children in our care this year. At the end of this period, we will be sending you home an overview of the topics we will cover this year, as well as a curriculum letter for the remainder of this half term.

TAPESTRY –

Thank you to all of you who have already activated your Tapestry account. Please note that this is something we are unable to do for you due to GDPR. Please check your junk mail box in your emails as sometimes the initial email goes there! Please do come and see us if you have any issues.

Tapestry is hugely important in helping us to complete our Baseline assessments, as well as on-going assessments throughout the year. It is incredibly important and exciting for your child, when we receive pictures and information about the exciting moments in your life out of school. This could be getting a swimming award, or riding a bike without stabilisers, or putting their uniform on independently for the first time.... As well as family holidays, family occasions or just those moments that make you go WOW! We aim to share these with the class regularly.

READING –

We will send more information home about this on a later date with your child's first book. The children will all bring home a reading book after Baseline assessments have been completed. In the meantime, if they share their favourite story with you at home, or recognise their name or letters of their name etc please let us know about it through Tapestry!

COMING IN –

You are very welcome to still come into the classroom with your child at the moment if you would like to. However, our cloakroom is very small and can easily become congested. It can be a scary place for small children when overcrowded and congested. This is why we need your continued support with not going through. We will help your child if needed.

We would also now appreciate your help in leaving the classroom as quickly as possible. This is to help the children in the class, as well as your own child, settle more easily. The doors will be locked at 8:55am and you will be asked to go to the office if you arrive later than this.

OUTSIDE CLASSROOM –

At the beginning of the school day, as well as the end, we would ask you to kindly refrain from allowing your children (school age and below) to play with the equipment that is outside. This is often set up to enhance the children's learning experiences that day. Sadly, when the equipment is broken or lost, we are not always in the position to replace this. Thank you for your support with this.

LUNCHES –

Please make sure you have ordered a lunch for your child at the start of every term. We will be in the hall to support them, and will of course let you know if they are not keen on the meal that day. Please check with the office if you are unsure as to whether you have done this.

FULL TIME AND PART TIME –

From Monday 17th September, we are offering all of the children full time in school. This is 8:45am until 3pm. However, if you are at all concerned about this, please do speak to your class team about a part time timetable.

WELLIES AND COATS –

We go outside in ALL weathers. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school at all times. These are stored on the blue welly racks outside each classroom.

Please make sure your child has a NAMED coat in school EVERYDAY! We all know what the British weather can be like! We ask that this happens throughout the year, even in the summer.

SPARE CLOTHES –

If your child does not already have a named set of spare clothes in school, please help us by sending in a small bag with some in. This is not just for toileting accidents but also water bottles leaks, paint accidents, falling in muddy puddles....We only have a limited amount of school spare clothes, and it is much nicer for your child to be changed into their own clothes when these incidents happen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

We will send more information about these sessions nearer the time, but here are some dates for your diaries now.

MONDAY 17th September – International Dot Day. We will be having a spotty, dotty day in school to celebrate.

WEDNESDAY 26th September – 6-7pm Phonics for Parent information session

SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER – 10am – 12pm OPEN SATURDAY for new intake parents. Please spread the word!

FRIDAY 12th October – 9:15 – 9:45am Harvest Celebration with the whole of Reception. In the hall.

WEDNESDAY 17th October – Story Café in all three classes 9-10am.

We are looking forward to working with you and your family this year.

The Reception Team