

Cygnets & Goslings Newsletter



This Week in Reception...

Friday 18th September

We have noticed our new children really getting to grips with the structures and routines of our classrooms and their energy levels are also really improving now we have completed a full week with everybody.

We have been thinking about families this week and how families can be made from different people - some who live with us and others who live elsewhere. It would be great if you could spend some time at home this weekend talking about your close and wider family members!

Some helpful reminders...

- If you are returning paperwork sent home in your child's bookbags back to school, we would really appreciate it if you could hand it over to your child's teacher at the beginning of the day - then we can forward everything straight away to the office or to our class folders - thank you!
- With the very changeable weather we are experiencing, we always endeavour to give children access to outdoor play everyday so coats are an essential - even if the forecast is dry, please send children to school with coats in case they wish to access the water area outside - it's also great daily practise for hanging their coat up and organising their belongings!

Coming up next week...

We will begin exploring our Marvellous Me boxes which we hope you have been enjoying putting together with your children. Please begin to send the boxes to your child's class from Monday - Please don't worry if you haven't had time to complete yours yet, we will only have time to explore a few per day in class so we don't need all boxes in on the first day!

We will also be exploring colour mixing in art next week as flowers and seeds as we explore more about Autumn.

Lunchtimes

A reminder that, if your child is having a school lunch, it would really help prepare them if you could talk about what choices are available to them either the night before or during your morning routine. We let all of the children know what the choices are before we walk to lunch, but we have noticed across both classes that some children become a little confused and ask for options that aren't available. You can pickup school menus from the main office - thank you for your help!



Star Books!

From today, we will be sending the children home with their Yellow Reading Record books and a Star Book. The Yellow reading Record book is where you will record each time your child reads to you at home once they start to take home phonics books - this won't happen for a few weeks yet and we will let you know closer to the time!

In the meantime, to build routines and develop a love of reading and sharing stories, you can record when you share and read a star book to your child at home. Star books are a collection of picture books we have available in our classrooms for children to choose and take home for you to read to them - think of star books as being like a library.

Your child can swap a star book whenever they like - they may wish to read through the book once at home and then change it the next day or they may wish to re read the same book at home for a few days - it's up to you!

Your child will get a sticker for their charts if they read a book on 3 different days in the week. Any questions, please ask your child's teacher - happy reading!



PE Days

Both classes are starting to settle well into the classrooms so we will be having our first PE sessions of the year starting next week.

Goslings PE day will be Mondays
Cygnets PE days will be Fridays

Please send your child into school on their PE day in PE kits and trainers. Children will still be accessing both the indoor and outdoor classrooms during the day so please ensure they have either a black zipped jacket or jumper as well

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Free School Meals

Reception, Year 1 & 2 children already receive a free school meal. However, new guidelines mean that registering with the FSM link could bring extra funding into school at no cost to you. This funding helps us provide additional support, resources and opportunities for children. If you receive Universal Credit, please take a few minutes to register. It really can make a difference to us - follow this link:

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