

Cygnets & Goslings Newsletter



This Week in Reception...

Friday 25th September

A big, big thank you for putting together such thoughtful Marvellous Me boxes, the children have done an amazing job telling their teachers and friends about the special items and photos inside their boxes and we've learned so much about our new friends.

We've also been exploring sunflowers both in our investigation station in the outdoor classroom: plucking petals and seeds and chopping thick stems as well as painting and printing sunflowers in our art areas inside our classrooms.

Coming up next week...

We still have some more boxes to explore together so our Marvellous Me topic will be continuing into next week as well. There is still time to create and bring in your child's memory box if you haven't had a chance to do so yet.

We will be starting our first Phonics and Maths lessons next week as we begin to build up our days now we have successfully navigated the first few weeks.

Please find more information on the next page about a Parent's Phonics information meeting we will be running on Monday 5th October...

Forest School Sessions

Following on from a successful start to PE lessons, we are ready to begin Forest School sessions.

Goslings will have Forest School sessions on Fridays with the first session being Friday 2nd October.

Cygnets will have Forest School sessions on Mondays with the first session being Monday 5th October.

Forest school sessions run for the majority of either a morning or afternoon session so it is important children are dressed appropriately. Please send your child to school on their Forest School day wearing warm, comfortable outdoor clothing (joggers, jumpers etc). Please also send in with your child a named bag with waterproofs inside (either a separate jacket and trousers or an all in one). Please spend time between now and your child's first session practising putting on their waterproofs over their warm clothes and taking waterproofs off again. We will support if needed especially with zips but it makes an enormous difference if the children can be as independent as possible. There isn't much time for the forest if 30 children need to be individually dressed - Thank you!

Star Books!

A reminder about star books is to treat them like a library book, when your child would like to change for a new book, they can do while they are in school. This can be a new book every day or it could be once or twice a week. Please begin getting into the habit of recording when you read the star book together at home ready for when children begin taking home reading books that they will read to you. 3 reads across 3 different days will earn stickers for the children's reward charts.

Naming clothing

A reminder to please check and top up names in clothes, especially jumpers and cardigans. Stickers / pen can often come off in the wash and named items always make their way back to their rightful owners!

PE Days

PE days will continue now on the same days until at least the half-term holiday. We will let you know in advance if these days change at all.

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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Parent's Phonics information meeting

You should (hopefully) have received an email notifying you of a Phonics Meeting we would love for you to join us for on Monday 5th October at 2:45. The meeting will be held in our school library which is close to our classrooms and will be run by Miss Pritchard and Mr Wilbrooke. The aim of the meeting is to better equip you with the knowledge and skills which will prove helpful as you support your child's early reading skills at home because regular reading practice and phonics support at home makes the biggest difference in a child's early reading ability and we want to support you to help make the biggest difference to your child's development.

We understand that for many parents, phonics may be a new concept and will most likely not be the way you were taught to read. We will explore key terminology and give examples of how you can support early reading at home as well as signpost you to more support materials which you can access at home.

The meeting will be finished just in time for the end of the day and normal pickup. We will walk you through to the outdoor classroom ready to collect as normal at 3:15.

It would be fantastic to see as many of you as possible as phonics lessons will be starting next week in classes. If you are not able to attend this meeting, we will also be offering a phonics 'stay and play' session later on in the term where you will have an opportunity to watch a phonics lesson in your child's classroom and explore some phonics activities which you can replicate at home. more information about this session to follow...

If you are able to make this first meeting, please wait by the green gates in front of the main school office at 2:40, not at the gate you gather by for pickup. We will aim for a prompt start so everyone is ready for pickup at the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th October.