



## Ducklings Class Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Wow, what an unexpected year we have had so far, we are looking forward to embracing some routine and a new 'normal' as we welcome a new group of Ducklings to Meadows. Hopefully you all have access to Tapestry and have been able to access the transition content on both Tapestry and the School Website; <https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/> all information about Ducklings can be found on our class page. Due to the ongoing pandemic, if there is anything you would like to discuss please use Tapestry, or email the class teacher using [ducklings@meadows.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:ducklings@meadows.worcs.sch.uk). We can also arrange phone calls if needed. This is to minimise the face to face discussion and Covid-19 risk to both yourselves and the staff within our setting.

The hope the children settle into their sessions well, we have been so excited to meet you all. We operate an open door policy which means that the teachers are there to greet you in the mornings, they can chat briefly in the mornings – but if you need a longer chat, then please use the methods outlined above.

We send out regular Nursery newsletters to keep you updated, alongside weekly whole school newsletters, with information and dates relating to the wider school. These are posted on the school website or you can pick up a hard copy outside the school office. We do try to keep you informed as much as possible through our school website.

During the first few weeks of term we will be exploring 'friendly me' As part of Meadow's wellbeing wheel. Our key text for the term will be 'A bit lost' by Chris Haughton. We will be encouraging listening and attention skills and will begin to explore the first of our letters and sounds activities. We will be scaffolding numbers within their child-initiated play, with particular focus on 'one' and 'lots'. The children will also be exploring size (big and small).

In addition to our paper-based learning journeys, we use an online platform to document learning, this is called 'Tapestry' enabling us to collect evidence of your child's progress in Nursery through photographs and observations and share these with you. We encourage you to use this and send us in your photographs and 'special' moments from home too. You will have already had the letter regarding this please return this as soon as possible, if you do not already have access to this.

We would recommend that the children come to school in clothing appropriate for the outdoors as we will be spending lots of time in our outdoor provisions. We would also ask that all children have a **named pair** of wellies that stay in school, as we do go out in all weathers. As the weather begins to turn please send your child to school with a named coat every day too. Please name all clothing and shoes to avoid misplacing or opportunities for cross contamination within the class.

Please ensure you let a member of the Nursery Team know if someone else will be collecting at the end of the day, to ensure home time can run smoothly. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to a new one-way system when arriving and leaving Nursery. Please enter school through the back gate along the service road, turn left and come through both the Reception and Nursery Gardens, dropping off your child at the Nursery door. Then leave through the Nursery gate. As older siblings are finishing at staggered times to avoid large numbers of children and adults on the playground at any one time, please collect from Nursery after you have collected any older siblings using the one-way system, this may be later than 3pm.

Hopefully you have met the whole Nursery Team, albeit virtually, below is a who's who as reminder.



**Miss Bailey**

Teacher (Mon-Thur)

**Mrs Fisher**

Teacher (Wed/Fri)

**Mrs Constantine**

TA (Mon-Wed)

**Mrs Glover**

TA (Thur-Fri)

**Miss Karen**

TA (Mon-Fri)

### **School Applications:**

It may seem early as your child has only just started in Nursery, however, you are now able to apply online for their Reception Class Place. If you need support with this please speak to a member of staff. You will need to visit <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>, it would be helpful if you could let us know when you have completed this.

Thank you, for your support,

The Nursery Team.