



# EYFS Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to all of our families old and new! We have been so excited to welcome you and your fantastic little ones into our school community this week.

What a wonderful start to our new school year. All of our new starters have settled well, are making new friends and have been very busy learning in our Early Years Foundation Stage Unit (EYFS for short!). In the past few days our children have been spending time with their key person, getting to know them and the new areas to explore. We have already been building amazing structures in our block area, reading in our cosy nook, dressing up in our role play area, singing and playing instruments, exploring patterns in the sand, pouring and measuring in the water tray, exploring outdoors and adding our handprints to our ever-growing EYFS Family display to name just a few things!



The first few weeks of this term will be spent getting to know your VIP's a little better. Our focus will be on building the children's confidence, independence, self-esteem and the social side of children's learning as we introduce them to new experiences. Learning what interests them, what they know and what they want to know will help us to continually tailor our provision to help them to enjoy their time in EYFS and achieve their full potential.



We will be exploring colours, sounds, textures, language, feelings, movement, pattern, shapes and numbers through our play.

Our children are expected to wear a blue school jumper or cardigan and a white or pale blue polo shirt, but we do suggest that our younger children wear elasticated bottoms of some sort to enable their independence when visiting the toilet. It would be helpful to provide spare items of clothing in case of little accidents and please let us know if your children have any issues in this area.

Please ensure all items of clothing (including bags, shoes and wellies) are clearly labelled as we have so many children wearing the same or similar clothing it is easy to get muddled. Being labelled will ensure that it will find its way back to you!

We will do our best to protect your children's clothing when they are painting etc. but expect them to get dirty from time to time as they are learning through exploring!

We have a 'rolling' snack time each morning and afternoon session where the children gather together to eat a snack and have a cup of milk or water when they like. Please make us aware of any allergies your child may have.



We are incredibly lucky this year to be able to offer a Forest School session, led by our Forest School Educator Neil from Real Adventure Through Sport. You have already received information about this in a separate letter. Please ensure that children are brought to school dressed in their Forest School clothes on the morning of their sessions so that we can make the most of our time!

Should your child require any medication whilst in our care, forms are available in our school office and must be completed by a parent to ensure that the medication is given correctly and safely.

If you wish for your child to attend our breakfast club or attend our after-school day care sessions, please ask the office for an application form.

We do have spaces for our Pre-School aged children to attend lunchtimes and extra sessions left at the moment. Please ask for more information and an application form. There is a charge for this additional provision.



Next week all of our children will have brought home a reading record and a reading book. At King Street, we value reading and believe that sharing stories together will spark a lifelong love of reading.

Finally, forming a good partnership between home and school is really important to us. We will be continually adding information and evidence on your child's development to their learning journals so please let us know of any proud moments that you have at home with your child. Please help yourself to the recording sheets in the entrance to our setting. Remember that we are here for you and we want to help in any way we can. There is no such thing as a "silly question" - if we don't know the answer, we will do our best to try and find it! If you do have any concerns or if something is having an impact upon your child, please contact your child's Key Person. Anything you tell us will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. The early years of education are important as they lay the foundations for a lifetime of learning, so we want the experiences of EYFS to be positive.

We really hope that your children are enjoying their time at King Street EYFS Unit as much as we are enjoying welcoming those smiling faces each session!

The EYFS Team

