



EYFS Autumn Newsletter 2019

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 each other 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 our band stand, small world and mud kitchen 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. Thank you to those parents who completed the light bulb sheets to let us know what your child is interested in. We will use this information to inform our planning.



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 in our Garden Café to choose a healthy snack and have a cup of water when they like. Next week we are introducing milk and story time for our children. Please make us aware of any allergies your child may have.

We are incredibly lucky this term to be able to offer a Forest School session on a Wednesday afternoon for our Reception children, led by our Forest School Educator Sarah from Real Adventure Through Sport. You will have already received information about this in a separate letter. Please ensure that children are brought to school with appropriate clothing. Our Nursery children will be accessing Forest School activities within our school grounds.

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.

By the end of 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. After a few technical issues, we will begin to introduce our new online journal through the Tapestry app this term. We will send further information about this once we are up and running!

If any parents have not yet completed the Toothbrush consent forms, Story of Me booklets or wishing hearts, could you please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

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 at home 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

P.S. We have the opportunity for our parents of our Reception children to meet class teacher, Miss Simpson on our event on Wednesday 11th September. Please see our school newsletter for more information.

