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1<sup>st</sup> October 2008

Dear Parents and Families,

Foundation Stage Newsletter



**What a fantastic start!**

The children have now completed their first half term at Bransgore Primary School. We would like to take this chance to thank you all for your support; every child has settled so well.

**Full Time**

The children in **LION** Class will start full time from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**, and the children in **TIGER** class will start full time from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. All children should continue to arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.55 a.m. and should be collected from the Blue Door at 3.15 p.m.

**Picking up**

In the event of you being late to collect your children, they will wait in the main reception where staff can ensure they are safe. If you are not picking up your child yourself, please give the member of staff on the door the name and description of the person who is picking your child up. If we are not told your child will be taken to main reception where you will be contacted by phone to confirm who your child is going home with.

**School Dinners**



Once the children are in school full time they will be entitled to have school dinners. If you would like more information please call at the school office. Dinners cost £9.50 per week.

**Class photograph**



The evening Echo will be coming into school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October to photograph Lion and Elephant Class. If you do **not** wish your child to be photographed please inform the relevant class teacher **in writing**.

**Parent/Teacher consultations – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 6 and 7.00 p.m.**

We offer this informal session for parents who wish to discuss any major concerns they may have, in line with the rest of the school. However, please note that we will keep you up to date on a daily basis about your child. Please note that this is not a compulsory session. Consultations will take place in the school hall.

**Family Learning Workshops**

We are eager to support you and your child both at home and school and so this year we are offering a few short workshops after school for you to learn more about the Foundation Stage and the way Bransgore Primary School works. All of these workshops are relevant to both new parents and those parents with children at school already. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, you do not need to sign up for them - just turn up on the day! The following Family Workshops will be available for you this half term...

| Workshop  | Subject   | When   |
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| <b>Behaviour Strategies and Policy used at school</b> | Learn about the systems and strategies in place at school to promote good behaviour.<br>With Miss Green - Foundation Leader and<br>Mr Pretlove – Head Teacher | Wednesday 8th October at 3.30 p.m. in the Foundation Stage Classroom |

| Workshop               |  | When?   |
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| <b>Read Write Inc'</b> | Learn about the new and exciting way we will be teaching reading and writing at school this year. Learn how you can support you child with this at home.<br>With Miss Green - Foundation Leader and<br>Mrs Pollitt - English Leader. | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October at 3.30 p.m. in the Foundation Stage Classroom |

### A few helpful reminders

For those parents who were unable to attend the Induction Evening we would like to let you know the following things...



Children should bring a small healthy snack and drink to school in a named container for playtime. These snacks go into a large class snack box, and are then carried out to the playground at playtime by children so please ensure snack boxes are small. Good examples of snacks are grapes, cut up apple/carrot, raisins and cereal bars.



The children will be outside for a large part of their day, so please do remember to send them to school with a **named** waterproof that has a hood. The children love to outside in the rain and this means that they can do so without getting wet!!



Children are welcome to bring special things into school with them, however we would ask that they only bring **one small** thing as larger toys have a problem finding a home in our classroom. Please do not send things to school which are particularly precious, valuable or important to you as even very small gentle hands have accidents and we would not like anything important to be damaged. At the beginning of the Spring Term we ask that home items only come in as a part of 'A box of Me' . This will be explained to you in the second half of this term.



Wednesday 'Drop In' appointments can be booked through the School Office if you wish to see your child's teacher and are not able to do so at the start of the day. Please feel free to speak to us on the door or in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss A Green  
Lion Class Teacher  
Foundation Team Leader

Mrs A Jenkinson  
Tiger Class Teacher