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## **Foundation Newsletter September 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so excited about welcoming your child into our loving school and getting to know your child as an individual. We are also looking forward to working alongside you to ensure that your child loves coming to school each day. Before the big day (*Monday 10th September*), we would like to share some key information with you. For many of you, with a child already at our school, this may be familiar to you but please do take care to read over this in case of any changes.

### **The school day**

The school gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am with pick up at 3.15pm. A prompt arrival to school ensures your child has a calm start to the day and does not miss out on any key learning moments. Please report to the school office if you are late. Please make sure that you come through the side Foundation Stage gate when picking up your child (it really helps if you give us a big wave to help us spot you speedily).

### **Taking care of belongings**

Please do name everything and encourage your child to take responsibility for looking after their own items. We will obviously support your child in this but unfortunately we cannot take responsibility for any lost items. We ask that toys are kept at home. Children will be able to share their favourite toys when they are chosen for VIP. The VIP will start for Lions and Tigers after Half Term. We also ask that children carry their own book bag to school from day 1. Children to have two PE sessions (indoors and outdoors) a week on a Wednesday and Friday. PE to start week commencing *1st October* so please ensure named PE kits are in school by this date.

### **Healthy snacks and school dinners**

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. We do politely ask that it is only water in the water bottles. We provide a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) to all children but if you wish your child may bring in their own snack; we just ask that you consider a healthy option. Children are able to choose from a meat and vegetarian choice everyday for their school dinners. Menus are given to you and we would encourage you to discuss lunch choices with your child to ensure that your child feels confident in making the right choice during register.



### **Home learning**

A home link book will be sent home fortnightly. This will be a simple task that we ask you to complete with your child to allow your child to show off their learning. We ask that you return the books promptly so we can celebrate your child's learning with the whole class. Library visits will be every week on a Wednesday. Please ensure children return their books promptly to allow them to enjoy a new book and to experience a range of books. Please note that we will not be continuing with Storytimes from previous years; however, there will be plenty of opportunities to share in your child's learning in school. Children will soon be starting the Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics programme. As a result, children will be bringing a reading book home at a stage appropriate time; we anticipate this will be after Christmas. We will be inviting you to a workshop in the second half of Autumn term to discuss this further, as well as the launch of Bug club; and to also to discuss how to support your child in exploring early number.

### **Home to school communication**

We believe home to school communication is essential in your child's learning journey. One member of the Foundation Team will be on the door everyday, feel free to approach us for any queries, questions or concerns. We will be sharing a 'Daily Scribe' on the Foundation door and via Twitter (@BPS\_JungleTeam) as dictated from the children with key moments from the day's learning adventure. We will be updating the blog regularly with highlights from their learning journey. We also be using the Tapestry app as a way to share photos and observations of your child's learning in school. We encourage you to check this regularly and share what your child gets up to at home as we will be celebrating and rewarding key learning moments from home with the whole class.

### **Involvement in your child's learning**

We will be giving you lots of opportunities to get involved to ensure that your child's first year at school is enjoyable and that as your child's 'first teacher' you are able to take on an active role in their learning. We will be inviting you to share in a half termly 'Big Party'. The children will be working towards and developing skills in preparation for each 'Big Party'. We will then ask you in to school to work alongside your child (who will at this point be an expert at a particular skill!) to create an end product. The first 'Big Party' will be the 'Big Paint'. We will share more information about this nearer to the date.



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### Forest Schools

Forest schools will begin after Half Term. Children will need wellies and waterproofs. Wellies may be kept at school or your child can bring them on the day. Lions and Tigers will rotate so your child will be going to the forest once a fortnight on a Thursday. On this day, please collect your child up from the Key Stage 1 playground.

We always appreciate parent helpers to support the learning at Forest Schools. If this is something you would be interested in supporting then please let us know. Please note parent helpers will be required to undergo a DBS check by the school.

We hope the information in this letter is useful in preparing for your child to start school. As you can see, there are lots of things to look forward to this term and plenty ways for you to get involved in your child's very first year at school. As mentioned, we will be staying in regular contact. Please do check the Foundation door, Twitter and school website regularly to ensure that you are kept up to date with important messages.

Many thanks for your support as we start the new school year,

**The Foundation Team**