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## **Lions and Tigers Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a fantastic first few days at big school. We are so impressed by how well the children have been coming in to school, showing real excitement and a superb level of confidence. The Lions and Tigers have begun to get to know some of the routines we follow at school, whilst enjoying a range of engaging activities and toys in the environment.

This half term we will be getting to know the children, what they like and dislike, and all about their families and home through our **'SUPERHERO ME!'** theme.

To support this, please can you send in three pictures of your child; one as a baby, one as a toddler and a recent one, for our work on recognising ourselves and how we have changed.

In addition to this we will be spending a lot of time supporting the children's transition into school through circle times, games and stories. A key idea that we will be reinforcing during this time is that we are all special and unique and we will be helping the children to form positive relationships with the other children and adults in the class.

### **Settling In Meeting**

**We would like to invite you to join us for a meeting on Wednesday 20th September at 15:30hrs to share the children's first week at school and to outline plans for the year. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and for us to answer any questions you may have.**

### **Forest Schools Introduction**

We are really fortunate at Bransgore School to have our own forest site where we can allow the children to continue their learning outside. The full programme will commence after half term and more details will follow in the coming weeks.

However this year we want the children to enjoy the experiences even sooner, so we would like to take them on an 'Introduction to Forest Schools' session on the afternoon of **Thursday 21st September**.

This session will involve all children and adults from Lions and Tigers and will be supported by our SCITT trainee teachers. The session will last approximately 2 hours with the children leaving after lunch and returning in time for home at 15:15hrs. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, children will need to wear old clothes that they don't mind getting dirty, and these need to be worn to school on the day **Irrelevant of the weather the children's arms and legs must be covered**. In addition they will need wellies and waterproofs, please ensure all clothing is named.



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We feel this will be a really exciting opportunity for your children and enable them to experience the wider school environment, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

As you all completed the Bransgore School 'General Consent Form' recently giving permission for your child to leave school grounds with suitably qualified staff for local visits, walks and field study on foot you do not need to complete a consent form.

**However, please let the school office know if you do not give permission for your child to take part in this visit by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Key Dates

Wednesday 20th September 15:30hrs - Settling in meeting.

Thursday 21st September - Children's introduction to Forest Schools.

Week Commencing 2nd October - PE begins, full named kit required to be kept at school.

Thursday 19th October 14:30hrs - Exit Point, come & share the children's topic learning.

Week Commencing 30th October - Full Forest Schools programme starts, info to follow.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to the adults that will be working with your children this year alongside Miss Thompson and myself. Mrs Pidgley, Mrs Couchman, Mrs Staddon and Mrs Welch will be in Lions and Tigers helping their transition into school and supporting the teaching and learning.

Thank you for your support in helping your child make the move to Bransgore School and we look forward to an exciting year of learning adventures together.

Regards

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