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Foundation Newsletter - April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely Easter, wellie boots were definitely needed, but I hope you had some lovely family time together. It is so exciting to think that we are already in the Summer Term and it gives me a great sense of pride to think how much all the Lions and Tigers have grown over the last eight months.

With only 3 months left there will be some exciting changes happening in the children's timetable as we prepare them for their transition into KS1. Activities such as joining in the whole school daily worship and story time with teachers from throughout the school will all help to begin to settle the children into Year One. There will be plenty of news and updates on how we will be supporting your children in the transition over the next couple of months, however, for now let's enjoy their new topic learning in Lions and Tigers.



Over the next six weeks the children will be 'Going on a Journey' to experience, explore and create different forms of transport, ranging from the everyday to the more unusual methods of travel. This learning will continue to be heavily supported by a range of great quality texts by

authors such as; Pat Hutchins, Quentin Blake and John Burningham, as we continue to foster the children's love of reading. In maths the children will carry on consolidating their application of numbers up to 20, particularly developing their problem solving and reasoning abilities. Throughout all the children's learning the development of their personal, social and emotional skills alongside their competences in communication and language will be paramount, whilst developing their awareness of what it means to be a Rights Respecting School (RRS Article 28, 31).

Lions and Tigers BIG Build!

This is an exciting time for us, as a school we are really keen to involve you with your child's learning and we would like you to help them take part in our BIG Build. On **Tuesday 8th May**, it would be great if 1 parent/grandparent/carer/grown-up, could come in at **9:30am** for approx an hour and a half, to help their child build their own vehicle. We appreciate this date may not be convenient with everyone and we can reassure you that if you are unable to make it, one of the Foundation team will support your child to ensure that everyone can take part. Prior to the morning the children will be looking at properties of different shapes and they will be planning their model, however whilst we will have some 'reuse' materials available it would be great if you could collect the ones your child might need. We hope that you will support us with this activity as we feel it will be a great opportunity for you to engage in your child's school experiences. We look forward to seeing you on the 8th May.





Walk to School Week

At the end of this term, week commencing the 21st May, it is 'Walk to school week'. As part of our topic learning we would like to go on a village walk so that the children can experience their local environment and also observe the types of traffic we see in Bransgore. We would like to do this in the week prior to this on **Wednesday the 16th May at 9:30am**, if you are able to support us to do this we would very much appreciate it, please return the slip below to the school office by **26th April**.



Forest schools

There will be two joint Lions and Tigers Forest school sessions this half term, these will be on **Tuesday 1st May and Wednesday 23rd May**, both will be afternoon sessions at 1:15 - 3:00pm. If you are able to help on either of these dates we would very much appreciate it, please return the slip below by **26th April**.

As the weather gets warmer, there is a higher risk of ticks, therefore please ensure your child is wearing long sleeves and trousers on the day they are due to go. If you require any further information on ticks please ask.

Uniform

Still thinking of the possibility that Mr Sun may come and visit us, please make sure all pieces of clothing brought to school are named, so that as the children take them off, because they are hot, we can ensure they are returned to their respective owners.

Snacks

Continuing the theme of warmer weather, please can you ensure your child has a named water bottle in school daily. We encourage them to drink frequently and will often refill the bottles during the day, so do not be alarmed if they come back still containing water, we are ensuring they drink plenty. As a reminder, we provide a fruit snack for the children each morning, if you would like to provide your own please can you support us by ensuring it is a healthy one.

Here's hoping for a warm and sunny half term, as always, if you have any questions please ask myself or Miss Thompson on the door each morning or afternoon. Thank you for your continued support, and please continue to upload all those fabulous experiences your child has at home on to Tapestry.

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Foundation Village Walk and Forest Schools

Please return to the school office by **Thursday 26th April.**

*Please note that all parent helpers must have DBS clearance with the school.
If you would like to become a parent volunteer please complete the section below.*

Lions and Tigers Joint Forest Schools 1:15 - 3:00pm

Tuesday 1st May – **YES / NO** I am available to help

Wednesday 23rd May - **YES / NO** I am available to help

Village Walk 9.30am

Wednesday 16th May - **YES / NO** I am available to help

Child's Name Parent's Name

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YES / NO – DBS cleared with Bransgore Primary School.

If you are not already DBS cleared and would like to become a Parent Volunteer please provide your email address.

Email Address

Parent/Carer Signature Date