

27th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are fast approaching the last term of our Reception year! The children have worked so hard and are showing great signs of progress with their learning. I am writing to update you with some changes that will occur in the Summer term when we return on Tuesday 16th April.

Reading & Phonics

- Book change days will now change to a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**; please ensure that you support your child by encouraging them to place their reading record and reading book in the book change basket for their class.
- In order to promote reading for pleasure and foster a love of reading, **every Friday**, your child will choose a picture/story book from our 'Lending Library' to share with you as a family. These must be returned the **following** Wednesday on book change day. Your child will then be able to select a new book on the Friday after.
- Please look out for a new video updating you with all of the sounds that have been taught this year in the Summer term.

PE

- On **Monday afternoons**, the children take part in a PE lesson either in the Hall or outside on our new Multi-Use Games Area. It is vital that your child wears a PE kit to school on a Monday which is suitable for the weather. Additionally, if your child wears earrings, please ensure that they are removed on a Monday and long hair must be worn up. Trainers must be Velcro fastening please, no laces..

Tapestry

- Please share any achievements on Tapestry with us such as your child baking at home with you; learning how to ride their bike; practising their reading or writing; or even dressing themselves independently! We love to share these with everyone and celebrate all achievements, no matter how big or small! If you are unsure of how to add an observation to Tapestry, please ask a member of the team who will be more than happy to help.

Milk & Water bottles

- Please check with your child if they would like milk at school. If they would, please register them at www.coolmilk.com ensuring that you name the correct class. If your child is under 5 this is free, however once your child turns 5; there is a charge for this. If you have not registered your child to have milk at school, they will not receive it.
- School water bottles are available from the school office; if you require one, please enquire at the office. Remember, water bottles must be transparent and only contain water to drink at school.

EYFS Trip to Johnson's of Old Hurst – Thursday 23rd May

- Please remember to provide consent for your child to attend our school trip to Johnson's of Old Hurst on **Thursday 23rd May**. The deadline for payment is **Monday 29th April**, and if you would like school to provide a school lunch for your child please inform the office by **Monday 13th May**.

As the weather changes in the Summer term, we look forward to some warmer temperatures and sunshine! We appreciate your support by ensuring that your child has applied sun cream in the morning before school if the weather is particularly hot.

Enjoy the Easter holidays with your families and spend quality time together. Many thanks for your continued support, and as always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the EYFS team.

Kind regards,
Miss K Brown
EYFS Leader