



Message from Mrs Grainger

This week we have really begun to feel a sense of normality, and it has bought home to us how much we have missed the 'extra' things that happen in a primary school.

First we have started after school clubs. We have a sports club for each key stage, a gardening club at lunchtime and a French and art club starting soon.

Next week, we welcome parents and carers into school for Parents Evening – please make sure you have booked your appointment via the school website – any problems with this please contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Years 3 – 6 parents and carers have already received details of a harvest performance and everyone is being asked to contribute to the Foodbank Harvest Appeal. Next week, you will receive details of a whole school trip to the Pantomime at the Garrick. So many things to be excited about and its still only September!

October Half Term Dates

Just to confirm that half term is Monday 25th October to Monday 1st November – return to school Tuesday 2nd November.

Message from Early Years

What an exciting week for us!

We have started our new theme 'Me and My Community' by walking around the school and meeting all of the staff and children in the different year groups. We took pictures of the staff and can't wait to use these in our small world area next week. We have been looking at what maps are and have even created our own. We have been practicing our cutting skills, making faces in the playdough, creating pictures in the loose parts area, painted a self-portrait, explored the gloop in the messy play area, singing nursery rhymes and much more.

RWI (Phonics) Reception Only

This week we have started phonics. The sounds which we have taught this week are m, a, s, d. Your child will bring home a blending book. Please ensure that this book is returned EVERY Friday so that staff are able to give your child a new book. Please practice 'My Turn, your turn'.

For example: Adult- "My Turn: M-A-T mat. You turn" Child- "M-A-T mat"

Parents Evening

(Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th September)

Please ensure you have booked a Parents Evening slot via our school website. Should you have any difficulties booking an appointment please contact the school office who can book this for you.





This week, we have been continuing to get to know the children who are settling in so well! We are enjoying sharing stories, songs and dances on the carpet as well as spending a lot of time outside. We have a new large painting frame for children to practice their mark making. This has been a definite hit with the children, who have been practising copying patterns and writing some letters from their names. We are seeing some lovely imaginative play in our home corner, as well as children independently accessing books to share with each other. We have been very impressed with how the children are sitting at snack time. It is amazing how well they have got used to our routines and Nursery rules. Next week, we are going to be encouraging independent snack time, where the children will help themselves to a piece of fruit at a time of their choosing. This will help

them gain independence with signing in for snack and pouring their own milk. Thank you for your co-operation with sending in spare clothes for your children. We will be going in the forest starting from next Tuesday, so please make sure that wellies and forest clothes are in school next week.

Have a lovely weekend!









Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning! Take a look at this week's activities...











