



Foundation Newsletter

Autumn 2022

Hand in Hand with Jesus Christ we Live, Love and Learn Together.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to your child's first year of their new school. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and the children are excited about starting school. This first term promises to be a fun and busy one with lots of opportunities for the children to develop their experience and confidence. The theme of our learning this term will be Julia Donaldson.

Every 2 weeks we will be looking at a different Julia Donaldson book and using this to support the learning environment within the Foundation Unit. We will begin our learning by looking at Julia Donaldson's classic 'The Gruffalo'.

Our RE themes will be integral to our learning as these will include learning about the importance of our names and why we are all special. We will be thinking about welcoming and belonging as we find out about Baptism. As we move towards Advent we will be looking at Birthdays and how we celebrate Christmas. The Jewish celebration of Hanukkah and the themes of light and dark will help us to look at different faiths and beliefs.

In mathematics we will be looking at counting to and recognising numbers to 10, one to one counting, 2D shape and repeating patterns. In PE we will have Mr Richardson. He is going to support the children using a variety of activities to support their gross motor skill. There will also be opportunities for them to use a range of equipment outdoors and develop their balancing and movement skills.

We are looking forward to the Autumn term.

The Foundation Team

Provisional dates for your diary:

21.09.22: Year group meetings and Phonics Meeting in the Hall @ 3.30

22.09.22: European Day of Languages

11.10.22: Parents Evening

13.10.22: Parents Evening

17.10.22 – 31.10.22:

Half Term + Inset Day (1st Nov)

03.11.22: School photos (individual)

18.11.22: Children in Need

21.11.22 - 25.11.22

Enterprise Week + Frost Fayre on Friday 25th @2pm

09.12.22:

FM Christmas Celebration

FJ Christmas Celebration

19.12.22: FM Christmas Jumper day and Carols around the tree.

20.12.22: FJ Christmas Jumper day and Carols around the tree.

22.12.22- 03.01.22

Christmas Holidays

04.01.22 : Children return to school

Please note that due to the ongoing changes in government guidance there may be some unforeseeable changes to the format of these events. We will keep you updated throughout the term.

Meet the Foundation Team:



Miss Mackay



Miss Jones



Mrs Hussain



Miss Marshall



Miss Lehané

How you can help?

Your child has a busy day and will probably be very tired so we do not set specific homework for the first term. However there are lots of things you can do at home to support the work we are doing in school.

Reading

Reading is an important life skill and in Foundation we are keen to help your child develop a love of reading . You can help by ☞ reading a range of stories to your child.

- * Looking at non-fiction books about subjects your child is interested in.
- * Read your child's school reading books with them as often as possible.
- * Practise key words and phonics sounds with them, little and often. (We will send these home in the next couple of weeks.)

Writing

- * Playing and doing activities that involve fine and gross motor skills .
- * Practising letter formation and recognition . (we will send hand-writing mats home in the next couple of weeks.)
- * Practise writing your child's name and simple words using correct upper and lower case letters.
- * Talking about stories and ideas for writing.

Maths

- * Practise counting objects and counting up to 10/20
- * Look at shapes at home and in the environment.
- * Use comparative language so as more, fewer, heavier, lighter, larger, smaller, longer, shorter.

Talking to your child about the world around them and encouraging them to talk about what they see and ask questions and explain their ideas will all help them develop their critical thinking skills.

We will do our best to make your child's time at school as happy as we can. If you have any problems or concerns, however small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact us straight away as they can often be resolved very easily. We are available to talk to every day but would ask you to make an appointment if you think the matter will need long discussion.

SEESAW

Many of you have already had time to use SEESAW and are signed up to receive notifications. If you have not had a chance to sign up or you are experiencing any difficulties please get in touch and we will support you with this.

SEESAW is not checked by the teachers on a daily basis. If you have an urgent message and/or a change of collection arrangements, please send in a written note.

If your child is off ill, you must inform the office.

Don't forget

Ensure all your child's clothes are labelled (including shoes)

Please remember to bring weather appropriate clothing e.g sun hat, coat etc.

If your child would like milk you need to register with coolmilk

Your child will need a water bottle everyday and a snack if they don't want school snack. Snack must be plain fruit or vegetables not yoghurt coated, winders or similar.