

**“A Home for Learning, Laughing, Caring and Trying”**



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Dear Parents,

As part of our commitment to working with parents and carers we wanted to give you a little more information about the three workshops running in school over the next few weeks. All parents are always welcome to all workshops but we recognise that your time is precious and therefore may prefer to select those most appropriate for your child.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Reading Workshop**

At this session we will be explaining how we teach reading in school and strategies to help your child with their reading. This will be aimed to inform parents about the journey your child takes through the reading trolleys from early pink phonics books to free choice readers.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - An Introduction to EYFS Workshop**

This session is aimed at parents new to Banks Road Foundation Stage and runs every year in October. (Nursery or possibly Reception). At this session we will explain the curriculum we follow at Banks Road, the Characteristics of Effective Learning and how you can help your child in the Early Years. Our nursery and reception classes will be open for you to have a look round and teachers will be available to chat informally about how the children are settling in to nursery and school.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Fun with Phonics**

This session is aimed at parents whose children are new to the teaching of systematic phonics and runs every year in November. Here we will outline the key skills your child needs before they are ready to learn to read using phonics. We will demonstrate a daily phonics lesson in Reception and go through the sounds we learn and the tricky words your child is expected to read and write in their first year in school. This session is aimed mainly at parents of children in Reception but any parents of Nursery children who wish to attend this year, rather than next, are welcome as are any parents of older children who would welcome a refresher.

We hope this information helps you to select any workshops that would be helpful for your child and yourselves and we look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Yours sincerely,

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