

## Early Years

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### News and Reminders

We hope you have had a lovely Summer break and looking forward to starting school. We are so excited to welcome you back and we have so many lovely things planned for the Autumn Term.

Please walk through the Nursery gate and around to your classrooms for the soft open. Nursery open their gate for their children only at 8:30am. Please wait until 8:40am when a member of Reception will let you in. Bells will ring at 8:55am for adults to leave. Please leave promptly. If your child is upset we will comfort them and please be assured they will be fine. If there any problems we will contact you.

If you are staying for soft open please support your child to find their coat peg, put their water bottle away and find an activity to complete. Toys will not be used in the mornings; all the activities are set up on the tables ready for you.

### Homework

We will be sending home information about home learning activities each month in this newsletter. These will then be set on Seesaw for you to complete with either a photograph, a video or you will also be able to complete some sheets on-line.

Please read/share your child's book daily for at least 10 minutes; please sign the reading record diary after you have read with your child.

We will be setting a weekly homework task- either Maths (NumBots), Literacy (including phonics or a writing activity) or a wider curriculum activity.

We may also give children additional 'top-up' practice of phonic sounds and/or common exception words throughout the year depending on their phonics group.

We will be sending out logins for various learning apps such as Tapestry, Seesaw and Class Dojo so please check your child's bookbag regularly. Please also use the EYFS email address to communicate and questions and queries. The email address is [eyfs@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk). We

At the end of the day you will walk through the playground gate and around to your classroom door. Please wait by the door allowing enough space for the children to exit safely. We will send your children out to you as promptly as we can.

It would be really helpful if you could ensure that ALL of your child's belongings are named, including lunchboxes and water bottles.

Forest School will begin on the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Ash will have Forest School on FRIDAY.

Alder will have Forest School on WEDNESDAY.

will be checking the email regularly and we will reply to you as quickly as we can. We do not check our emails when we are teaching and with the children. If there is something urgent you need to communicate please contact the school office and they will inform the class teacher.

### **Our Learning**

This half term our topics will be: All About me. We will also be learning about Harvest and how to keep our bodies healthy.

#### **Inclusion week**

This week in school it will be 'Inclusion week' where we will be spending time looking at what makes us special and unique. We see this as a great opportunity to explore the diversity amongst our community and celebrate the achievements of our children.

We will also be spending time getting to know the children and familiarising the children with the setting and the behaviour expectations.

### **Superstar Learners**

Every week we will be nominating a child from each class who has shown their school values in their learning. Nominated children will come home with a certificate.

Please remember to fill in your star moments so we can celebrate them with the class. Your children will be given a sheet of star moments this week. These star moments are to record when your child does something WOW that they have never done before. By all means use these as a way to encourage your child to become more independent but once they have received a star moment for an activity they should have a new target to be working towards.

### **Diary Dates**

**Forest School (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares):** Ash- Friday

Alder- Wednesday

**PE (please come in to school wearing PE kit):**

Ash: Wednesday

Alder: Thursday

**Library:**

Fortnightly beginning W/C Monday 12th September.

Ash class: Thursday

Alder class: Friday

Please remember to bring in your books so your child can change it.

**Key dates**

WC 5<sup>th</sup> September: Inclusion week

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - children break up for half-term (3:15pm)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Inset day in school