



January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Froglets to the start of the Spring Term and a special welcome to all our new Froglets! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas!

For some of our older Froglets these are a few reminders and for our new Froglets, some useful information about our Nursery. Our learning will be, as always, through play-based activities and experiences which will provide a firm foundation to your child's education.

I would like to introduce our Nursery team starting with the learning assistants, Mrs Witcher and Mrs Small. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Hornsby, Miss Farrell and Mrs Warren who are our Nursery Plus team. They will be working with small groups and are here to provide support for our children.

Uniform

I would like to remind you that the Froglets' Nursery has its own sweatshirt that can be purchased from the office or I have a large bag full of second hand ones in the Nursery that can be acquired for a small donation. Children should wear a white polo shirt and either black or grey skirt or trousers. Jogging bottoms and leggings are also acceptable for those who are newly toilet trained for ease when using the toilet. Please ensure children have comfortable black footwear that they can fasten on their own. Please ensure that **everything** is named so we can check the children have the right clothes to take home! Please provide a bag with spare clothing in case of accidents. During the day we have both inside and outside play and various activities, some of which can be a little messy. We do our best to ensure children have aprons and puddle suits on. However, please accept my apologies in advance if your child ever has messy uniform, but I am sure they would have had fun getting that way!

Rucksacks

Please could you provide your child with a small rucksack which they can hang on a peg in the corridor. In this bag, please provide a change of clothes, sun hat, sun cream (when it gets warmer) and a coat. This will ensure that your child has all they need for safe learning both inside and out. The bag will also allow us to put any letters and other pictures and paintings to go home without the children having a lot to carry in their hands.

Parent Pay

The school is using a system called 'Parent Pay' which allows you to access your account online to pay for dinners, sign up for clubs, receive letters and pay for trips. This system takes a little time to set up after all our new Froglets have started their sessions. You will receive a letter with details to activate your account in a few weeks when it is up and running for your child. Please check your emails regularly as I am trying to go as paperless as possible. Therefore, most information will be sent in letters via Parent Pay.

School Lunches

As stated above, school dinners are paid for via Parent Pay. Until your account is set up; please order your child's lunch on the lunch register as you enter the nursery. You do not need to worry about paying for these yet, they will be added to your 'Parent Pay' account when it is live.

There is a **blue clip board** with the lunch list on it. As you come into nursery **please state which lunch your child would like** to have. There is a menu to the right to choose from.

If your child is having a packed lunch, please could you make sure that it contains a sandwich and other healthy options as well as a drink of fruit juice or water. Please do not send chocolate or sweets as we are encouraging the children to be aware of healthy food. If your child is having a packed lunch, **please indicate on the blue clipboard too.**

All the Froglet children are able to have a snack of fruit and a drink of milk or water during each session, in the Froglet Café.

Children are encouraged to drink water whilst at nursery. A bottle can be brought and put in the drinks tray. Please ensure it is labelled clearly so your child drinks from the correct one. Children are only allowed juice with their packed lunch.

Collecting children from the Nursery

It is important that we know who will be collecting or dropping your child off at nursery. If someone other than yourself is going to bring or collect your child, please notify a member of the team beforehand. There is a **Yellow Book** as you enter the nursery where you will need to note down this information. This book is located on the parent notice board display. Any regular pick ups and drop offs also need to be written in the reverse of this book.

Sickness/diarrhoea

Please do not bring your child back to nursery for 48 hours after the last episode. This ensures that we do not have a spread of germs, causing both children and staff to be poorly.

Early Excellence

This is an online resource which allows me to track your child's progress and combines the observations we make into a Learning Journal. You will have your own login details where you can view the journal and add your own photos and observations of your child's learning at home too. I will be updating these journals regularly, so do keep checking to see if there are new photos and observations of your child's learning to see. Activation letters for the new froglets will be sent out soon.

'Wow' moments

We love to know about and praise the children's achievement outside the Nursery too. Please do let us know if your child has done something special you would like to celebrate. You can also upload a photo and comment onto your child's Learning Journal via the Early Excellence login details you will receive soon. These comments and photos will be shared with the class.

Spending time with your child

If you wish to spend time with your child, to settle them in to the nursery, please remember that the first 20 minutes of each session is an open time for you to stay, if you wish. When the bell is rung, please encourage your child to join me on the carpet for our learning input.

Attendance

Your child will learn best if they attend on each of their scheduled sessions. If your child has a temperature or is clearly unwell, we understand that they cannot come to school. However, if your child is just tired please do send them into school and be reassured that we would phone you to collect them if we felt they were too unwell to be here.

Helping in the Nursery

Over the course of the year, we go on various trips and outings for which we require extra adult support. If you are able to help in this way or are able to come into school to play games with the children, please let me know.

Dates for the diary

- Film week - 28th January - 1st February
- Cinema Trip - 1st February 2019
- Celebrating Chinese New Year - 4th February - 15th February
- HALF TERM - 18th - 22nd February
- Work Show - 27th February 3.30 - 4.30pm
- World book day - 7th March
- Comic Relief day - 15th March
- Parents evenings - 1st, 2nd, 3rd March
Reception and Nursery **are able to book any of the three dates above.**
- Stay and Play- Monday 25th March and Thursday 28th March- 2.00-3.00pm (Please choose ONE of these dates to attend. We will send a letter out nearer the time.)
- End of Term - Friday 5th April
- Return to Summer Term - Tuesday 23rd April

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is called "The Early Years Foundation Stage" and consists of three prime areas. These areas support the children as they develop through the Foundation Stage and are key for life-long learning.

These are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

These underpin the specific areas of learning which include:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design.

Children meet each of these areas of learning in our well-resourced and organised classroom environment. The children have access to a wide variety of resources to support and challenge their creative play. They may learn independently, with others, as well as times when learning is led by adults.

If you wish to speak to me or the other Nursery Staff at any time, please do come and see us at the beginning of your child's session. I am always happy to arrange a time for a longer chat if necessary. I am looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Danni Aplin-Moore (Nursery Teacher)