



# Owls' Class Newsletter

## Term 1

We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and that you are as excited to start the school year as we are! You will receive one of these letters every term and it will give you dates to remember as well as all of the important information about what we are doing in class. In addition to our class newsletter you should also check the weekly school newsletter which will appear in your child's book bag, or your inbox, each Thursday.

We cannot wait to get into the swing of things again and enjoy a term of fun packed learning opportunities.

There will be a member of the team on the gate each morning if you have any questions about your child's learning.

Miss Holness, Mrs Branton, Miss Mann, Mrs Aitken & Mrs Coles

### **Wanted!**

**As part of our topic 'All About Me' and our work on ensuring that your child has a seamless start to their school career we plan on spending some time talking about our families.**

**As part of this we plan to create a display about our families in our coat area. In order to help us do so could you please send in a photograph of your child with people who are important to them? We will photocopy all photographs we receive and return the originals.**

**All photographs should be in school by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Thank you for your support**

### **Welcome to the Team!**

**You may have noticed a new member of the team. Mrs Aitken has joined us and works in class every morning. The children have made her feel very welcome as we are you sure you will.**

### **Reading at school**

Once your child is in school full time we will send home two types of books. One of these is for you to read with your child. The other is a reading book that your child will 'have a go' at with your support.

You will find that they may not have any words and this is deliberate as we want the children to use the pictures to tell the story and to comment on what they see. Books will then be changed twice a week.

Please acknowledge that you have spent time sharing a book with your child by dating and initialing in the contact book.

**To find out more about early reading don't forget to attend the Blast off with Books workshop on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 12 noon.**

### **PE**

PE lessons will start once your child is in school full time. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The items of clothing and bag should be clearly labelled with your child's name.



### What will we be learning?

Our theme this term is 'All About Me' and as a big part of this we will be spending time talking about ourselves discussing our likes and dislikes regarding things such as food and toys. We will talk about our families and discuss why some people are special to us. We will be learning about our bodies naming different parts and learning about what they do as well as how best to look after our bodies. We will also have lots of fun investigating how our senses work sniffing mysterious things and using our sense of touch alone to identify familiar objects. In art we will draw self-portraits as well as pictures of our families in addition to making collages of our favourite things cutting and sticking the materials we select down.

**Phonics-** Phonics s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, ck

We will learn the above letter sounds and will think of words which start with these sounds. Once we have learnt several of the sounds above we will start to segment and blend phonetically regular words containing them (e.g pin, sit...).

**Maths-** We will be counting amounts of objects and trying to match the amount to a number to represent how many objects in the group. We will be learning the correct way to form digits as high as 9 ensuring that these are correctly orientated and formed. Once we have mastered recognising numbers we will work on getting these in order on a number line. When exploring our environment we will be looking for 2D shapes and learning their names.

**English-** In our English lessons we are going to be looking at the story Owl Babies and learning the sequence of events in the story in order to be able to retell the story including all events. We will use our good knowledge of the story in order to perform the story using actions that we have made up our selves. We will use our phonic knowledge in order to record words in our play using their initial sounds.

### Save the Date!

**Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> September-** Children in school 8:40-12noon\*

**Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September-** Children in school 8:40-1pm\*

*\*Home visits being carried out, please contact the office if you need reminding of your appointment*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September-** Maths Stay & Play 1-2pm

*This is an informal chance for you to stay after you pick your child up from school and explore the environment looking at the maths games and activities we set up.*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September-** Blast Off With Books! 12noon-1pm

*This is a workshop for parents where we will discuss how we teach your child to read and ways that you can actively support this at home.*

**Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September-** Children in school 8:40am-3:15pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October-** Individual photographs being taken

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October-** Last day of term 1

