



DEAR PARENTS

14th SEPTEMBER 2018

Each week you can find our Dear Parents letter on our indoor and outdoor noticeboard and also under the Nursery tab on the website for Polegate School at www.polegateschool.co.uk

We are so pleased to report that we have had a very good first two weeks. The children have been brilliant. Those who are wobbly settle quickly and they are all enjoying making new friends and exploring the environment.

Our focus 'Settling in and making friends'

We are initially focussing on building relationships and how to use and look after the resources. We have even been able to squeeze in a mini Birthday theme. The children have been introduced to a range of fun outdoor and indoor opportunities and exciting materials. Alongside this, they have also been learning the expectations and routines of the setting.

Tapestry

Thank you so much to those that have already used Tapestry. It is a lovely way to share with you your child's experiences and achievements. We can also show you how we are helping them move forward in their learning and ways to support their learning at home. Please comment on observations and of course **add your own**. See Mrs Trent if you are unable to see your child's tapestry or if you need a new form. Already it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their home reading books.

Allergies

Please keep us up to date with allergies and medical needs. We are planning to cook regularly with the children and encourage them to take part in lots of yummy food activities.

Personal Belongings

Please label everything that your child brings to nursery including clothing, (including what they are wearing), coats, pants, water bottles, snack pots, **everything!** We have a much younger cohort who are not always able to tell us or recognise what is theirs. Many thanks.

Funding Forms

If you have been given a form because you are using funded hours please return as soon as possible as the deadline is nearly here. We still need proof of your child's date of birth to photocopy. We are happy to help you fill them in or check them for peace of mind. Thank you.

Changing Hours

It is the school policy that we can only change hours at the start of each funding period. (Sept, Jan April). There is also an admin fee for doing this, as there is more work than you can imagine involved in this process, and we also need at least 4 weeks notice. Please bear this all in mind. Thank you.

Lunches

Lunches are £3 a session. This cost covers the adult supervision needed. Unfortunately it currently cannot be covered by funding. Please don't forget we are a NO NUT nursery. This includes peanut butter in sandwiches. Hot dinners are going down well. They are an additional £2.10 paid via Parent Pay. Please talk to Lisa in the office if interested.

Dates for the Diary

- Pop in and Gruffalo play Thursday 18th Oct 2-3pm - more details to follow
- End of term 1 Friday 19th October
- Start of term 2 Monday 29th October

Please note -

- **INSET day** Friday 9th November
- **Provisional date - Woodland Walk Abbotts Wood** – Wednesday 10th October afternoon session. We are hoping to organise Mini buses to take the children and Nursery team. You are welcome to join us there if your child does not normally attend this session. You will need to organise your own transport and you will be responsible for your child at all times. More details to follow.

Finally Family Photos

We have a family tree display in our nursery and we need all children to **bring in a family photo** to add to it. This is such an important and special display in our environment as it enables us to help the children feel secure and included. It also supports our belief that we value all the families that form our nursery community.

**Many thanks for your continued support.
Love from the
Nursery Team**