



# DEAR PARENTS

AUTUMN TERM 2 • OCTOBER 2019

**You can find our Dear Parents letter on our indoor and outdoor noticeboard and also under the Nursery tab on the website. Please take note that we will be sending our letters out via email in the future unless you request a paper copy.**

## Our first term

We have had such a lovely start to this new academic year. We have moved on from settling the children in and getting to know one another and the nursery and have now started following the children's natural interest in Autumn. 'The Gruffalo' is going to be one of our focus stories. We have been practising using our listening ears and exploring environmental and instrumental sounds. We have also started investigating the numbers 1 to 3. Can we also say how lovely it has been to have such positive feedback about our home reading book bags. Please continue to share your reading with us via Tapestry.

## New Faces

We have two new team members to share with you. Firstly Mat, a Polegate School Teacher who will be covering Mrs Trent during management time and Lucy who is a first year student from East Sussex College who will be joining us on a Tuesday and Wednesday as part of her training. We are very grateful to have them both and the children have welcomed them enthusiastically.

## Change to routine

We are trialling putting water bottles and lunchboxes in the foyer for adults to collect as the children have so much to carry when they leave us and this will only continue to increase as the weather becomes colder. Thank you for your cooperation and we will let you know if this becomes part of permanent routine.

## Wows

Attached are labels for you to share with us when your child does something you are really proud of. For example being kind, using brilliant language when talking, learning to ride a bike. Jot it on a sticker and encourage your child to wear it proudly to nursery where we will celebrate it together and add to our star board. Spare sticker labels are in the foyer. We can't wait to share with your child their wow moments.

## Do you play a musical instrument?

The children have really enjoyed exploring our percussion instruments and making music. If you play an instrument, or know someone who does, we would love it if you came in as a special visitor for a little group session and play to us. That would be fantastic! Please see Mrs Trent.

## Dates for the Diary

**End of term 1 - Thursday 24th October**

**Start of term 2 - Tuesday 5th November**

**INSET DAY - Friday 25th October**

**INSET DAY - Monday 4th November**

**End of term 2 - Thursday 19th December**

**INSET DAY - Friday 20th December**

## School Places

If your child is starting school for the first time in September 2020 you need to apply by 15th January 2020. You apply online. Just log onto the East Sussex County Council website and click on education. If you need help phone School Admissions on 0300 3309 472.

## School open days

**Tuesday 12th November 10.00am**

**Wednesday 20th November 2.00pm**

**Thursday 28th November 5.30pm**

\*These visits are adults only where possible. See poster on noticeboard outside

## Parent Consultations

**Week beginning Monday 21st October**

You can sign up for available slots in the nursery foyer. We look forward to sharing with you how your child has settled in this year, all the amazing things they have shown they can do and how we can help move them forward together on their learning journey.

**Many thanks for your continued support.**

**Wishing you all a super half term break.**

**Love the Nursery Team**