

14th September 2018

Welcome to Nursery!

We hope that the children have enjoyed their first week with us and made lots of new friends.

A few reminders:

Clothing

We have noticed that some items of clothing are not named – particularly school uniform items. Whilst we do try our best to reunite owners with lost clothing, it can be difficult with identical jumpers!

We also request that your child wears sensible, sturdy shoes. The children are outside for a large amount of the day, where they enjoy climbing and riding bikes and we want to ensure the children's feet are protected. Please try and avoid shoes with laces, unless your child can tie their own.

Please encourage children to dress and undress themselves as much as possible. This includes putting on their coat and shoes independently. We will help with zips and buttons as they year goes on!

As the weather is so changeable, the children need a waterproof coat in school at all times and named wellington boots. We like to get out and explore our lovely grounds in all weathers!

Please ensure that your child has a **full** change of clothes that is permanently kept at Nursery in case of any accidents or spillages!

A change of clothes needs to include trousers/skirt, underwear, socks and a top/t-shirt. These all need to be kept on your child's peg in a drawstring/PE bag,

Theme

Our focus for this half term will be "All about me!". The children will be getting to know each other and sharing information about themselves with their new friends.

We would be grateful if you could send in small family photograph that will be kept in school, as soon as possible. These will form part of a display for each child.

We have also attached an information sheet for you to complete with your child. Please return this to Nursery as soon as possible.

Art and Crafts

We often have junk modelling as an activity and so appreciate all donations of newspaper, cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes, yogurt pots etc.

Photographs and updates

Towards the end of the half term, we will be sending home your unique and secure password to access School Pupil Tracker Online. Please check these online learning journeys regularly as we upload pictures and comments throughout the week.

Birthdays

Elmridge Primary School are working towards achieving the 'Healthy School's Award'. Children will be learning about healthy eating and how we keep ourselves fit and active throughout the school day.

To support this, we have made the whole school decision to no longer accept sweets/cakes/biscuits as birthday treats.

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday by sending a healthy alternative, of course this is very welcome. However, we will be celebrating each child's birthday in Nursery in the usual way – lots of singing and an extra special day for the birthday boy or girl!

Foundation Fund

This refers to a parental contribution of £5 per half term. The large majority of parents opt to pay a one-off payment of £30 for the whole year (a school year is made up of 6 half-terms). The fund enables us to provide practical resources for activities such as baking and art/craft, Messy Play. We will send termly updates, informing you of the wonderful resources we have purchased with your help.

Foundation Fund can be paid via Parent Pay. We thank you for your support.

Absence from Nursery

If your child is absent, please inform Nursery on the first day of absence. The easiest way to do this is to telephone the school office and use the automated system

In accordance with advice from the Health Protection Agency we ask that if your child is ill you keep her/him at home for the following length of time:

- Diarrhoea/Vomiting – 48 hours from last episode
- Chicken Pox – 5 days from the onset of the rash
- Impetigo – until the area is crusted or healed

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to us; if you need more than a quick chat, we can make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation; we are looking forward to a happy and successful year together!

Miss R Fletcher and Miss S Wood