30th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

FS Update

Firstly, we would like to thank you for a wonderful start we have had to the academic year. The children have now settled into the routines more fluidly and we have seen some wonderful friendships starting to blossom. Just a few reminders and messages below please.

Names
Please ensure everything is named. If your child's name is not on their belongings then we have no way of returning the correct item to you. Should your child come home with someone else's item, please, please ensure that it is returned to school the following day.

Spare Clothes
Please ensure your child has a set of spare uniform in their bag and maybe a couple of pairs of pants and socks. Children get so engrossed with their learning through play that sometimes they don't quite make it to the toilet in time. Accidents happen but we only have a limited amount of spare uniform in school and it's much nicer for your child if they get to change into their own clothes. Also, as the weather turns, there's an increased chance of getting rather wet, and sometimes dirty, so a spare change of clothes will also help should that happen.

Wellies
Again, as the weather is starting to turn we have made the decision to ask all children to bring in their own set of wellies. We will be asking children to change into these prior to going outdoors for outdoor learning so that they can freely access the whole learning space without getting wet and muddy socks. Please ensure that these are named. The wellies will remain at school under their peg, we will also supply them with a big peg to peg them (and their shoes) together. Should anyone have any problems supplying these then please just mention it to one of the team and we can support.

Home Learning
Yellow reading books brought to school every day please. Each week we will stick in a QR code which links to the learning that has taken place that week in Phonics. It is really important that you support you child in accessing these please as it further supports their learning and in turn will create great readers! Your child may also use this book to practice writing the letter sounds. Please could we ask that the children use a pencil and try to be mindful of not using a full page for one letter 😊

Seesaw
We will continue to use Seesaw to post some photographs of children's learning, however, please be aware that this will not be daily and sometimes not even weekly! Our role as facilitators to learning is to play alongside your child in the moment to further progress their knowledge and understanding and stopping to take a photograph often hinders this essential dialogue. We will however, post a home learning activity for your child to complete each week so please support them in completing this.

Lunches and Snacks
Please can we remind you that a school lunch is FREE!! BUT… it does need to ordered by Tuesday for the following week. You can of course order for the full term which saves the weekly reminder. If your child is bringing their own packed lunch, please remember to ensure that there are **NO NUT** products in there. We have a number of children and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Please can we also remind you that no sweets should be being brought into school in packed lunches.

If your child wishes to bring their own snack into school for snack time then please ensure that this is fruit only. Although we can not guarantee we will have your child's favourite fruit every day, the school is provided with a variety of fruit e.g. banana, apples, pears and tomatoes through the free fruit scheme.

Finally, some key dates for your diary…

What?	When?	Where?
Reading mornings - come and share a book with your child.	**Every Wednesday morning** 8.30-8.50am	Your child's classroom
Phonics How to help my child learn to read.	**Monday 19th November** 2.30pm	EYFS Blue room Enter via Parish Pioneers' door
Maths How do we support children's mathematical understanding?	**Monday 9th December** 2.30pm	EYFS Blue room Enter via Parish Pioneers door
Writing and Fine Motor What does writing in EYFS look like?	**Monday 14th January** 2.30pm	EYFS Blue room Enter via Parish Pioneers door

Thank you for your support with the above.

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