

## FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

### Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to welcome the Foundation Stage children to Thameside School and welcome back those children who have previously attended our Nursery. Thank you for your help in settling the children into their new classes. They are learning routines and are starting to work together very happily.

Children in Reception are in Cave Babies class, with Miss Gray (teacher), Mrs. Foote (teaching assistant), and Mrs Rickersey (teaching assistant) and Mrs Chung (teaching assistant). Nursery children are the Gruffalos class, with Miss Polley (teacher) and Miss Higgins-Boyce (nursery nurse). Our support staff supervise the children when they stay for lunch.

#### Dropping off and collecting

When you bring your child into class you are welcome to stay and help them settle.

Children can be collected from outside their classrooms. Please let us know if your child is being collected by someone other than you.

#### Reception Times

Our doors open at 8.40am and collection is at 3pm.

#### Nursery Times

Our doors open at 8:30am and collection is at 11:30 am.

#### Clothing

Children in both the Nursery and Reception class are expected to wear school uniform. It would be useful if children could bring a spare set of clothes to leave on their peg in case of accidents.

Some of our learning will take place outside, and we have some waterproof jackets and trousers in school. Children will need to bring their own wellies into school (named), as the outdoor area will get very muddy. As the weather turns colder and wetter we would recommend wellies, a hat, gloves and a warm coat. **Please make sure that everything is named as it will be difficult to locate lost items otherwise.**

Please ensure that long hair is tied back and only stud earrings are worn in pierced ears.

Children in the Foundation Stage do not need to bring a PE kit to school, as they will just remove their shoes and socks for our P.E. sessions.

### Snack

Fruit and water are provided for children at our snack table, which is open between 9.30 and 11am. Children have access to water throughout the rest of the day.

### Parent helpers

If you would like to come into school, either to help or just to see what happens in our day, please do! Your children and their education are very important to us and we value your input tremendously. Finally, please do not hesitate to see any of us after school if you need to discuss anything concerning your child.

### Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - profile sharing at 9am for Nursery parents **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (9am)** – ‘Phonics Party’. Come and see how we teach reading and writing in the Foundation Stage, and enjoy some activities with your children.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents evening appointments. Letters will be sent with further details nearer to the time.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 11am**– Nursery Christmas songs and mince pies. All Nursery parents welcome.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**– Nursery and Reception classes trip to Burton Taylor Theatre for a Christmas production ‘Snowflakes’.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9am**– ‘Ready, Steady, Stick’! Christmas arts and crafts to enjoy with your children.

**Miss Gray, Miss Polley and the Foundation Stage team**