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## ***Information Letter for EYFS Classes***

September 2020

Dear Parents

We would like to offer you a very warm welcome to Foundation Stage and the start of your child's school career. This letter is intended to provide all the key information you need for this term. Please ensure that you read all newsletters, letters and access our website regularly as the term progresses. We also send regular text messages with important information. Please ensure to update your mobile numbers and emails with the school office. Please follow this link for guidance [here](#).

The Early Years Team are as follows;

Miss Davis Bumblebee Class - Early Years Foundation Stage Leader  
Miss Donovan Butterfly Class - Class Teacher  
Mrs Browne – Higher Level Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Knight – Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Sewell – Support Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Lewis - Support Teaching Assistant

Due to the ongoing situation, we will be operating staggered start and finish times for different year groups. EYFS have received communication regarding the split sessions at the beginning of the year.

Your child will attend a two hour session on either Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

For two weeks from the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September morning sessions will run from 8.45- 12.00 and afternoon sessions 1.00-3.00pm.

For the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September all children will be in school 8.45- 1.00pm.

From the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September all children will be in school 8.45- 3.00pm

We are very aware that this is your child's first school experience however we will encourage all children to be as independent as possible. In order to encourage this there are several things they need to do when they arrive at and leave school.

### **Morning Routine**

- **Parents and children will access the site through the Claverton Road entrance. There will be clear signage directing you right to our small field and secret garden. On the field will be socially distanced markings where you will stand with your child to say your goodbyes. Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will meet you on the field to help with the transition into school. As the children become more confident and independent, they will be able to say a quick goodbye and stand on their spot by themselves.**
- **We politely ask that parents leave the site as soon as their child is settled.**
- **Please can you ensure that all of your child's belongings fit into one small bag. Please also bring in a two drinks bottles and, once your child is staying for lunch, if you choose to provide your child's own lunch, that it is in a plastic lunchbox. Although we are not currently offering hot school dinners, a grab bag lunch is available from the school kitchen. Reading folders, once provided, will need to be brought in daily.**
- **As the EYFS zone is on a field, on wet days it would be favourable for the children to wear wellies in to school and bring their school shoes in their bag to wear inside. Please could children also keep a spare set of underwear, socks or tights and trousers in their bag in case they need to change. These items will need to be brought daily as we cannot leave them on site.**
- **The children will be asked to wash their hands as soon as they enter the school buildings and at regular points throughout the day. School has plenty of anti-bacterial soap and hand sanitiser so you will not be expected to provide this for your own child. Please can you also ensure your child is washing their hands before leaving your house.**

### **Afternoon Routine**

- **Please meet your child in the correct zone on the field, socially distanced as far as possible- signage will support this. The class teacher will bring the children to you.**
- **Please can you make sure only one parent from each household comes on site and we ask that where possible, siblings not of primary school age do not come on site.**
- **We also ask that at the current time, children are picked up exclusively by members of their own family bubbles.**
- **Please ensure you child washes their hands on arrival home.**

**We thank you for your co-operation.**

### **Topics for the Autumn Term:**

Our topic for this first term is 'All About Me', we will also learn about some 'Traditional Stories' and 'Harvest Time'. We will be learning about all kinds of families, our School and our likes and dislikes. The teaching of Phonics will be introduced through Phase 1 and 2 of the programme 'Letters and Sounds' which initially focuses on close listening skills, rhyming and discrimination activities. We will also be learning about numbers and shapes. Although we usually welcome things brought in from home to support our topic work, we are unable to do so at this time.

**Snacks** The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. The best snack for break time, are foods that they can eat outside and they can eat with their fingers. Chopped up, fruit or raw veggies such as carrots or peppers are ideal. Breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note: that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as its high in sugar and can be bad for teeth. Parents have asked about various shop purchased snacks, such as fruit winders and various breakfast bars etc. Most of these snacks are usually high in sugar. Water should be the only drink. Milk can be purchased through the [school milk service](#) but is free until your child turns 5. **It is essential that your child has two named water bottles that are easy for them to refill during the day.** Thank you for your support

**Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness:** We have several children with severe life-threatening nut and sesame seed allergies and a reaction can be triggered by airborne contact. For safety reasons, we must insist that parents/guardians do not send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts etc. or indeed anything containing nuts or sesame seeds (i.e. on buns or snack bars.) This also applies our aim above to discourage confectionery for birthday celebrations – sweets and chocolates can contain traces of nuts and seeds. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

**Birthday celebrations:** We will always acknowledge and celebrate birthdays but we cannot accept any sweets or gifts brought in from home.

**Toys:** Unfortunately, children will not be able to bring in any toys or games from home. This also includes for Golden Time. We will ensure there are games and activities available in each class for this.

**Reading:** Reception children will receive their red reading folder, provided by school, soon. In them you will find a reading record book which is a useful tool for communication between home and school as well as keeping track of reading activities. Initially we ask that you record books you are sharing at home and what your child has enjoyed or commented about them. We will provide a list of questions that may help you with your discussions. From the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October there will be some picture and phonic based activity books for you to share and discuss with your child. If you are able to please spend ten quiet minutes, on these activities, each day, it's amazing how this will aid your child's progress. It's also really important to keep reading to your child as this is an invaluable time for both of you. Playing games (especially with dice) is excellent maths homework.

**An information presentation about how we deliver Early Literacy skills at school will be available on the website from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. (A letter will follow shortly with more details)**

### **Physical Education**

There will be no indoor PE at the current time and we ask that your child **comes to school in their PE kit on a Monday from the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September, when they have outdoor games.** This should be a red plain or [Saltford t shirts](#) and black shorts or jogging trousers and trainers with Velcro fastenings and a fleece type jacket.

**PPA Time:** This is class teacher's support time away from the class room and will be covered by Mrs. Browne. PPA time will be every other Wednesday for each teacher. Mrs Browne will also teach Bumblebee class every Friday as Miss Davis will be carrying out her duties as a Raising Standards Associate, supporting standards in primary schools, across Wellsway MAT.

**Lost Property:** Please make sure that everything is named. This includes things like socks, shoes, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and drink bottles!! If everything is named, we will save a huge amount of time searching for lost items.

**School Dinners:** Foundation Stage children are not required to pay should they wish to have a school dinner. Alternatively, parents can choose to provide their child with a packed lunch from home. As previously stated there is not currently a hot meal option. The grab bag will consist of either a sandwich/ wrap, crisps, a piece of fruit and a low sugar cake or biscuit. For the options, please see [here](#).

**Trips:** We hope to run trips in the new year. In term three we hope to visit Bristol Zoo at an approximate cost of £15 per child and, in term 5, we hope to visit The Matthew, again, with an approximate cost of £15 per child.

**Payments:** Where payment for trips or events is required, the school uses School Gateway, an online payment system. A link to the School Gateway system is available on our website or through <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> .

**Hair:** We would like to request that all long hair (boys and girls) is put up for school in an effort to help prevent the outbreaks of head lice which are so common. Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

**Voluntary Classroom Support:** We are always looking for parent helpers to support activities in school. Information regarding this will be sent out when we are able to restart this - including all the current safety details etc. If you can help we are always very grateful- even if it is on odd occasions or only for a short period of time. DBS forms are available from the school office.

It is our aim to provide you and your child with a very secure and positive start to life at school by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum which prepares them for the joy of lifelong learning. We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year and forming a strong and productive partnership with you all.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Davis  
Bumblebee Class Teacher



Miss Donovan  
Butterfly Class Teacher