Term Dates

Thursday 10th October 2019- Wow moment- An introduction to CIL 9.00am

Thursday 10th October 2019- After the wow moment at 9.30am- How to help your child in the EYFS (rearranged meeting- approximately 30 minutes)

Tuesday 22nd October & Wednesday 23rd October 2019-Parents evening (Times to follow)

Monday, 28 October to Friday, 1 November 2019 - Half Term

Friday 8th November 2019- EYFS fun run (more info to come).

Friday 15th November 2019- Children in need day (more info to come)

Friday, 29 November 2019 - Occasional Day, school closed

EYFS Nativity- Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

Friday, 20 December 2019 - Term ends 2 pm



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Autumn Term 2019

Welcome to Nursery and welcome back to Reception! We are very excited this year to get started on all the wonderful things we have planned for this year.

Topics

Our topics this term are 'All about me', 'People who help us' and 'Celebrations'. These topics will cover all 7 areas of the Early Year's curriculum and a lot of the work we do is cross curricular. Children will engage in adult led activities as well as their chosen tasks during child initiated learning, which will also be linked to the topics we are looking at.

Letters and Sounds (Phonics)

The children will be taught phonics in groups later on this term. Nursery will begin phase 1 (listening skills) and Reception will continue working through single letter sounds and then move onto diagraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound, e.g. 'sh') Children will be given flashcards when they begin phase 2. Please look at the phonics flashcards daily with your child to reinforce what they have been taught at school. The flashcards need to be kept in children's book bags so that they are available in school every

Learning Journals

day.

This year in the EYFS we are continuing to work online with our journals. With this in mind we would like you to have more of an input in your child's learning journal and once we are up and running with our parent mail you will be getting a weekly update about what your child has been up to that week. You will then be able to write back to your child based on what you have read. This will normally be sent to you on a Friday or over the weekend for you to look at and enjoy with your child.

Handwriting

Also this year in the EYFS we are continuing to learn the new style of handwriting that we have adopted, known as 'Pre- Cursive Handwriting'. We will cover this in our next Early Years meeting. This year we are introducing both Nursery and Reception Cursive handwriting. Cursive handwriting involves children starting in the same place, which will help them to think about forming their letters correctly and in the right direction.

Snack

office.

During the mornings children will be given a snack of either fruit or vegetables. They will also be given milk if you have signed up through the school office. If your child would like milk and they have not been signed up yet please go and ask the school



Some Autumn Term reminders for Parents:

Please remember that your child needs to bring the following items to school:

- Book bag to hold reading planners, phonics packs, sharing packs and any letters that are handed out.
- A named hooded coat, hat and gloves as the weather gets colder.
- Named water bottle
- Surprise box (Show and Tell) items on your child's allocated day. Please note Nursery's surprise box will start on the week beginning Monday 16th September and Reception's surprise box will start on the week beginning Monday 10th September. For their first surprise box we would like your child to bring 3 items in that tells us about them. For example a family photo, favourite toy, favourite bedtime story or a photo of a pet etc.

Reading- During the week beginning 16th September, if your child is in Reception they will be sent home with a reading book and reading planner at some point during the week. Please ensure you read with your child every night, even if it is only a couple of pages, every little bit counts! Grown-ups in school will change your child's book accordingly.

Sharing Packs- In Nursery sharing packs will be given out on a Monday and will need to be brought back in on a Friday so that we have enough time to change your child's sharing pack.

P.E and Games

P.E and Games lessons in Nursery will be every Thursday. They do not need a PE kit as we do PE in our own clothes but a sensible pair of shoes will be useful, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off and on. In Reception, they will have PE twice a week. Please ensure their PE kit is in school every day that includes a **NAMED** pair of tracksuit bottoms and a jumper ready for the colder weather and a pair of trainers. This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics and balancing skills.