

Seely Primary & Nursery School

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Foundation 2 Newsletter - September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to an exciting year in Foundation 2.

Let us introduce our team:

Willow - Miss Shenton and Mrs Calverley

Hazel - Mrs Smith/Miss Clark and Miss Balchin

Birch - Miss Hughes and Mrs Legge/Mrs Arnold

The children have all settled in beautifully and we have had a great time getting to know each other. We are really pleased that some of the children are coming into school by themselves in the morning as our cloakroom area is quite small! The children are looking very smart in their new school uniforms and it would be really helpful if you could make sure that everything is clearly named. This half term we will be exploring 'All about me'. We will be talking about ourselves and our families, sharing our favourite stories, as well as settling the children into school life.

Reading

All the children have now been given a reading book, Bear Words and a reading record to bring home. These need to be brought to school everyday in a clearly named book bag and will be kept in the classroom. These can be purchased in local shops very cheaply or with the school logo from Just Schoolwear. Backpacks are not suitable as they are too big to store in our classrooms.

Please try and find five minutes three or four times a week to read with your child and make a comment in their reading record. Every Friday we invite parents to come into class from 8.55am to 9.15am to read with their child. The first readers morning will be on Friday 22nd September. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, whenever you are able to join us.

Health and Safety

Please can you help us to keep your child safe by making sure they do not wear any jewellery, apart from small stud earrings in school. All children need sturdy shoes and a suitable waterproof outdoor coat, as we play outside everyday as part of the curriculum, even in the rain!

All long hair should be tied back in a pony tail or plait away from eyes so that children can focus on their work and play.

Visits

We are hoping to arrange an educational visit in the Spring Term. We anticipate that this will cost around £10. The Playhouse Theatre Company are coming in January to perform 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse'. This is an excellent learning experience for the children and will cost about £4.

In the Summer we will have a fun day at Woodthorpe Park to which you will all be invited and we hope to visit Sherwood Library during the year.

There will be no additional visits/events involving any further costs to you.

Inspire Morning

On the morning of Wednesday 11th October at 9.15am we will be having an Inspire Morning for F2 parents in the Key Stage 1 Hall. Come and find out about reading, writing and maths within our curriculum and how you we can all work together to support your child's development and enthusiasm for learning.

Busy Bees

Every week 3 children in each Registration group will be chosen to be Busy Bees. This will involve taking home a cuddly toy the weekend before to record their adventures at home on a postcard.

During the week, staff will observe the Busy Bees across all curriculum areas. Parents/Carers will then be invited into school the following week to discuss their child's achievements and to share the next steps in their learning that we have identified.

We will meet with parents three times over the academic year, once per term, which will replace the traditional parents' evenings we arrange in Key Stages 1 and 2.

If you have any general queries or concerns we are always available at the end of the day, once the children have been dismissed, to talk to you.

We look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

The Foundation 2 Team