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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Templewood school and especially our Nursery. We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your child is refreshed ready for the busy, but exciting year ahead.

The information in this letter is intended to advise you of the expectations in our Nursery. The Nursery team would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. We are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class teacher – Mrs Natalie Spragg
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Jan Clarke
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Dee Debaere (Monday to Wednesday)
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Kim Bates (Thursday and Friday)

The children have had a lovely first few days and are beginning to settle and form new friendships in Oak Class. This name will stay with their class throughout their time in Templewood. As a reminder, we would welcome the opportunity to see their report or learning journey (memory book) from their previous setting. We aim to return them to you within a couple of days but it will help us to plan their next steps.

Key Workers

We have allocated your child their Key Worker for the term. We will be having two groups, Mrs Spragg's Spiders and Mrs Clark's Caterpillars. Children will work with their Key Worker during Circle time and Phonics and Maths. During the rest of the sessions Mrs Clark, Mrs Debaere and Mrs Bates and I will work with all the children so that we gain an excellent knowledge of each individual child. The groups are as followed:

Spiders



Emil, Alexander, Jack Bi, Jack P, Liam, Rudi, Lydia, Brair, Poppy, Caitlin, Eliza

Caterpillars



Idhaant, Thomas, Michael, Jack Bu, Theo, Joshua, Charlotte, Isla, Molly, Belle, Lucia

Topics

In the EYFS we follow a creative curriculum. As well as following the children's interests we will also focus on celebrations, festivals and seasons. Below are our umbrella topics for the Autumn term.

Autumn 1- Ourselves
Autumn 2- Winter Festivals

Home Learning

Please take home the Magic Moment Sheets located in the Nursery cloakroom. If your child does something special at home, for example got a swimming badge or went on a trip, we would love for you to share it with us. When you have filled the form in please bring them back to nursery we will talk about them with your child and then add them to your child's Learning Journal. Later in the term we will be introducing you to our online journal system so that you are able to contribute digitally. A separate letter will follow shortly.

Sid Squirrel (soft toy) will be going home with children on a Thursday to the following Wednesday to spend some time with the children outside of school. Sid will be bringing home a diary for you to write, stick photos or draw pictures of some of the things Sid has done.

Mark Making

Children are often keen to learn to write their name and if they are interested this should be encouraged. Please remember to teach them to write their name in lower case except for the initial letter. If you would like to see our school handwriting style, please come and see us.

Clothing

The weather can be very changeable especially in the winter months so please can you make sure that on your child's peg and in their shoe box that they have the following:

- **a complete spare set of clothing**
- **a spare raincoat, and waterproof trousers**
- **a pair of wellies**
- **a black pair of plimsolls (indoor shoes)**

So that items don't go missing please can you make sure that all belongings are clearly labelled. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PE

PE will be on Friday and the children will take part in their jogging bottoms and polo t-shirts. It would be really helpful if you could please make sure that all items of clothing were **named**.

Show and Tell

Show and tell is an important part of Communication and Language Development. It builds confidence in speaking in a small group and supports vocabulary development. This year we will be continuing to link it to our Phonics and each week we will have a sound of the week. We would love for your child to bring in an object or picture that starts with the sound to share with the class. Our show and tell will be every Tuesday. Below is a timetable of the sounds we will be looking at this half term.

Autumn 1

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| Tuesday 18 th September | s |
| Tuesday 25 th September | a |
| Tuesday 2 nd October | t |
| Tuesday 9 th October | p |
| Tuesday 16 th October | i |
| Tuesday 23 rd October | n |

Autumn 2

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| Tuesday 6 th November | m |
| Tuesday 13 th November | d |
| Tuesday 20 th November | g |
| Tuesday 27 th November | o |
| Tuesday 4 th December | c |
| Tuesday 11 th December | k |

Open Door Policy

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we will try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any questions please come and talk to us and we will arrange an appropriate time to talk. However small the concern, it is always best dealt with immediately.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated in the class and some families like to bring in a treat for the children in the class. As a healthy school, we ask that the treat be something like a special pencil, a box of raisins, or you can donate a 'birthday' book to Templewood (the office will issue a birthday book sticker to show whose birthday the book was purchased for. As a school we do not give out sweets or home-baking due to the number of different allergies.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Natalie Spragg
Class Teacher