

# Alderman Pounder Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a warm welcome to Seedlings nursery; we are delighted to report that the children have settled really well and have impressed us all by the way they have adapted to their new setting.

This may also be a good time to introduce the members of staff who will be working in the team.

- Miss Collins (Formally Mrs Brady) will be key worker for the Ladybirds, based in the Pod (Monday, Tuesday) and key worker for the Daisies, based in the Potting Shed (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

Based in the Pod will be:

- Miss Dutton, key worker for the Bumblebees (Monday-Friday) and Mrs Clarke, key worker for the Ladybirds (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

Based in the Potting Shed will be:

- Miss Blackwell, key worker for the Buttercups (Monday – Friday) and Mrs Turner, key worker for the Daisies (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

We are further supported in the units by Miss Bennett and Mrs Jones.

Although each adult has a particular responsibility to a class or a child, we will all be involved in supporting the learning of the children throughout the units, so most of these names should become very familiar to your children. Please feel free to talk to any one of us about your child at any time. We feel very privileged again this year to be able to offer a very high ratio of adults to children; this level of staffing will allow us to provide a varied and stimulating curriculum for our pupils and to give them the support they need to make a happy and successful start to their journey in school.

This year we are proud to be launching our brand new curriculum across the whole school. It will be driven by a key question which will stimulate the learning for the whole term, with the emphasis on creative and exciting learning opportunities and on promoting children's personal, social and emotional development.

This Autumn Term, the key question in the Pod is: **What did Grandma and Grandpa play with?**

And in the Potting Shed the key question is: **How did it all begin?**

Whilst we are exploring these questions there will also be a focus on our school values of happiness, friendship, respect, fairness, honesty and perseverance.



We will remind you of the key aspects of our weekly curriculum (including the focus for our maths and phonics work) using Class Dojo. This will allow you to be fully involved in your child's learning at home.

Our '**Sunshine Club**' is our breakfast and afterschool Club which is run by Miss Bennett, Mrs Shelton (Breakfast), Miss Jones and Mrs Collins (Afterschool). For those children joining us for breakfast or a light tea in the evening please see below our menu for the forthcoming term.

## Breakfast

A selection of cereals, toast, pancakes, crumpets or yogurt with a selection of fruit and a drink (water, milk, apple juice or orange juice)

### Menu week 1 (1 Oct, 22 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec, 14 Jan, 4 Feb)

<b>Monday</b>	Hot dogs, fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Selection of sandwiches, crisps and mini sausages, fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pitta bread, vegetable sticks and dip, yogurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Spaghetti on toast, ice-cream

### Menu week 2 (8 Oct, 5 Nov, 26 Nov, 17 Dec, 21 Jan, 11 Feb)

<b>Monday</b>	Make your own pizza, angel delight
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hard boiled or scrambled eggs and a toasted muffin, fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jacket potato with cheese and beans, cupcake
<b>Thursday</b>	Pasta and sauce, yogurt

### Menu week 3 (24 Sept, 15 Oct, 12 Nov, 3 Dec, 7 Jan, 28 Jan)

<b>Monday</b>	Toasted teacakes, bananas and custard
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beans on toast, fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Make your own wraps, yogurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Pizza, jelly pots

Our light tea is on a 3-week rotation to coincide with the hot food provided at lunchtime.

We like to offer activities in addition to the core curriculum to enhance the children's learning and development and to making learning fun. This will include baking and gardening. We are asking for a small donation of **£5.00 per child** to be paid when the child starts which will cover this enhanced provision for the whole school year. The money is used to subsidise the cost of ingredients, seeds, and materials. Please send this money in a named envelope during your child's first weeks at Nursery.

At the start of the school year we always aim to adapt our curriculum in response to the needs of our youngest pupils. We prioritise our time with the children to help us to build relationships effectively and to establish routines successfully in a calm and unhurried way. Nonetheless, starting school is still a very busy time for such young children and from experience we anticipate them becoming increasingly tired. Please support us in Nursery by ensuring that your child is well rested at home, and do not be surprised if the novelty of coming to Nursery every day starts to wear off soon! Tiredness *may* become manifest by your child becoming more reluctant to come to Nursery or

less happy to part from you in the morning. This is something that we experience regularly and is not at all unusual. You can help by remaining positive yourself, and helping your child to manage their feelings of tiredness by focussing on the things that they enjoy and look forward to. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's key worker.

As always, if any of you has any information, resources or expertise to support us in our learning, we would be delighted to hear from you. We welcome parent helpers in school, so if you have time to come in and support us on a more regular basis, we would be very grateful. If you have any questions regarding our work in the units, please feel free to ask us at any time.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

The Seedlings Team.