



Nafferton Primary School

"Where Childhood Matters"

Dormice and Field mice Newsletter,

Week Ending: 7.9.2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We feel that the children have made a fantastic start to the school! We hope you agree that the children are coming in wonderfully already and that they are quickly coming to grips with simple routines. Thank you so much for encouraging your child to come into school independently by saying a quick goodbye at the door. Each week we will be sending home a newsletter to inform you of what the children have done and to let you know you about things to note.

It has been a great first week with children familiarising themselves with the setting, each other and the adults. They have decided on class rules and have enjoyed little activities to help them get to know each other. We have been observing the children and are most impressed with their ability to read their own name. We would appreciate any help that you can give to reinforce this at home and also in writing their names, which the children have also practised. The children have been showing off their knowledge as we endeavour to find out what the children know, in addition to us getting to know them and them getting to know us.

The children enjoyed sharing information about their teddy bears and this has been a good way of encouraging them to speak in a small group. We also encouraged them to look at the bears colour and compare sizes.

As mentioned on the previous letter, over the next few weeks, we would like the children to see how they have changed over time. If you have any photographs or items (not precious and in a clearly named bag/envelope), please could you bring these in and hand them to your teacher at the door. The aim of this is to encourage your child's speaking and listening skills and to develop your child's understanding of change, in a small group situation.

Things to note:

- Allergies - If your child has any allergies could you please inform us as the office needs to know.
- Collecting your children - Please be aware that school begins at 8:55 am and finishes at 3:20 pm. It is essential that we are told if someone other than yourselves is collecting your child. Your child will not be released unless we have been informed. The completed forms help us to keep a record when we are so busy throughout the day.
- Wednesday Afternoons - Throughout Wednesday afternoons the children will be working with Mrs Pierrepont, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Stinson. This is due to Teacher's PPA time.
- Water Bottles - Can you please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school everyday. Your child can access their bottle at any time and it is medically recommended that they keep well hydrated to support their concentration. This will be sent home at the end of everyday to be washed and fresh water replaced for the next day. Please note that we do prefer water and not juice to preserve dental health.
- PE Kits - Our PE session is Wednesday morning. Your child's PE kit should be kept in school until we sent it home at half term. All items of clothing must be named, as the children get their clothes mixed up easily.

'WOW' moments – these are for the children to share with their class. They encourage speaking and listening and build confidence. Wow moments are meant to share achievements that have happened at home. For example: getting dressed themselves, riding their bike without stabilizers, being kind, taking turns etc. We would be delighted to accept any achievements that your child has not done previously.

The class newsletter is also available on the School's Website as are any other letters.

If you have any concerns, please do find us at the end of the day.

Mrs Sizer, Miss Searby, Mrs Stinson and Mrs Pierrepont