



Welcome

September 2018

Dear Families,

I would like to begin by offering a warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this term and to say welcome back to those families and children who are returning for another exciting year in Foundation.

This half term our topic is '**Friends and Families**' and we will be thinking about the people we live with and our extended families. We will compare similarities and differences between different families and discuss the different things we like to do with our own families. We will also be spending much of this half term making new friendships and thinking about how we can be a good friend. For more information about our topic please see the curriculum overview overleaf.

As part of our theme we would be grateful if you could send a few things into school:

- A family photograph that we will be able to discuss and display in our classroom
- Things your child may want to share about themselves or their family
- Any books or stories you may have at home about families and friends that your child may wish to share with their class.

Outdoor Clothing

The weather is always unpredictable at this time of the year. Please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately as they will have opportunities to play outside whatever the weather! Children are encouraged to bring wellies and raincoats which can be left at school and a change of clothes is always advised in the event of some overenthusiastic puddle splashing!

Foundation fund

In Foundation we run a fund for the children and ask parents to donate £1 per week towards the fund. This fund is used to provide the children with extra healthy snack to enjoy alongside their daily fruit snack.

PE Kits and Book Bags

The Foxes (our Reception aged children) will be taking part in weekly PE sessions this year. Please ensure that they have a named P.E Kit to keep in school on their peg. These can be purchased from the office for £7.50 and include a white t shirt, navy shorts and a bag. Shortly, the Foxes will be bringing reading books home to share. Please ensure that these children have a book bag to keep their book and reading record clean and safe. Please sign the reading record each time you have read with your child and once you have finish the book together, place in the yellow 'Books to Change' box to receive a new one.

We encourage parents, friends, families and carers to read with your children every day. This can be a school reading book or even a favourite story before bed!

On Wednesdays all children will have the opportunity to take part in physical activities to develop their gross motor skills. Please ensure they come to school on Wednesdays in clothes appropriate for jumping, dancing and climbing.

If you have any questions please come and see a member of the Foundation Team, we are always happy to help if we can.