



Friday 13th October 2023

Welcome to the EYFS newsletter

Hi all,

Our EYFS classes have settled well into school life. Staff members and other pupils comment on how well they conduct themselves around the school and how they are always showing they are ready, respectful and safe.

Since my last newsletter, we have now started 'Squiggle While you Wiggle' and formal learning sessions. The children engage well with our carpet sessions and are keen to explore the environment during their own learning.

Thank you for dropping off your children promptly in the morning, this has had a positive impact on the children and how calmly they are coming into school.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Phillips

We need your help!

We are looking to improve our environment and would love you to help if you can.

For our home corner, we would like the following:

1. Calendars/diaries
2. Wall clock
3. Oven gloves
4. Tea towels/dishcloths
5. Empty packaging of food items
6. Empty washing-up bottles

For our mud kitchen, we are looking for donations of natural resources such as pine cones, conkers, leaves, sticks and logs.

If you can help with any of these items, please bring them into school with your child.

We appreciate all donations.

Ordering Lunches

You may be aware that you are able to book your child's school meal in advance via your parent pay account (<https://www.parentpay.com/#>).

This is for universal free school meals in Reception - Year 2, all children entitled to a free school meal and any other child who has a paid school meal. This allows you the opportunity to speak to your child about what they would like from the menu and choose their lunch meal with them.

Please remember to book your child's meal choice online in advance. This will help you to support your child in their meal choices and ensure you know exactly what they are eating. It will also allow teachers in the classroom to focus more time on teaching and learning.

We offer sandwich and salad options as well as hot meals. This option will only be available for pre-booked lunches. If you do not book your child's lunch using parent pay, your child will only be able to choose one of the hot meal options.

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Let's Explore!

This half term our project is called *Let's Explore*. Over the last two weeks we have been learning about our senses and how things feel. We filled



trays with different materials/media. We walked through them bare foot to explore how they felt. We had great fun!



We have also been exploring all areas of our school. We found the Daily Mile track, Buzz Bees, other classrooms and the big playground. We enjoyed looking around our new school!



Tapestry



As a school, we have decided to cancel our subscription to Tapestry. It was not working for us as staff and for our families. This has allowed us to model, support and fully engage with the children's learning in the environment. We are researching other options currently to see if there are other platforms/apps out there that we could use. We will let you know in due course if we will be purchasing one.

Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle

You may have heard your child talking about something called 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle', so I thought I would share some information with you about it.

Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle is an early writing program created by a Shonette Bason-Wood (Early Years Specialist), who also created the program Dough Disco. Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle incorporates dance, music and large movements to help children develop the fine muscle control they need for writing. They will learn a new gross motor movement to a piece of music while holding 'flappers' (bits of fabric) and dancing along to the music. The children then transfer these movements to floor level and swap their flappers for writing tools (crayons/pens etc) to make marks. They will then use this action to think of letters they can form that use this shape. These sessions are great fun but most importantly help your child to be confident mark makers.

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