

Monday 10th September 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed the first week of school and all the children seemed to have settled in happily to the new routines of school. We look forward to the children being in school full time.

School dinners – Children get to choose from the menu first thing in the morning so please take time to look at the menu at home and help your child make a choice. Menus are available from the office should you need another one.

PE will be on Tuesdays so please send in PE kits if you haven't already done so. PE kits will now only need shorts and pumps as we will not be changing tops. It is a good idea to include a set of extra underwear and socks in case of a toilet accident. Please could girls wear socks and not tights on these days. Micropore tape needs to be sent in should your child have pierced ears. Stud earrings only and these will be taped for health and safety reasons.

Library books will be changed every Wednesday. These are for you to read to your child and to share a special time of enjoying books.

Asthma inhalers that might be needed at school must be sent in ASAP to be kept in case of emergency.

GDPR pink forms to be completed and returned ASAP.

Our topic this half term is **It's good to be me**. Here is a brief outline of what we will be covering during the weeks to come. We have included some dates to take note of.

Week 1: 5-7 September

My new school family

Half days. Settling in routines. Thursday/Friday- staying for lunch.

Week 2: 10-14 September

New friends

Reading books (with no words but pictures which encourage storytelling) will start to come home during this week.

Book bags will include an alphabet sheet, number and letter formation sheets. These are to refer to should your child show interest in recording.

We have a class toy, RaaRaa the lion. He will be going home with the special helper for a night. Raa Raa will have a little diary for you to write up about his time spent with you. This will be shared with the class the next morning so don't forget to send it back in!

Week 3: 17-21 September

This is me

We are beginning to learn the phonemes (the sound the letter makes) and a little bag containing these will be sent home for you to practice together.

A handwriting pack is included to practise writing names.

Mon 17th-Little Starters- IOM newspapers will be taking class photos.

****Mon 17th- Parent info meeting, 3.15pm. We will be explaining daily routines and expectations and will be able to answer any query you may have regarding the school day.****

Week 4: 24-28 September

Healthy Me

Reading words will be sent home as and when your child is ready. Please practise these when they come home.

Thursday, 4th October- School photos.

Week 5: 1-5 October

My family

Week 6: 8-12 October

What do my family do?

We are looking at different occupations and would love it if any parent might be prepared to pop in to chat briefly about what they do. This might direct further role play or learning about people who help us.

Week 7: 15-19 October

People who help me/ How I help others

Week 8: 22-26 October

People who help me

This will be a busy half term settling into new routines. We do have an open door policy so please pop in and chat to any one of us about any concerns or use the yellow books to write to us. We would like the transition into school to be as smooth as possible.

We look forward to working together with you to support your child's learning journey.

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