

Foundation Stage 2 (FS2) Newsletter

Welcome to Edenthorpe Hall Academy Foundation Stage 2 (Reception).

We are delighted that your child will be joining us on **Wednesday 6th September 2017**. The class teacher is Mrs. Bratcher with Mrs. Barrass (Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)). Mrs. Burd will be supporting in the afternoons.

School starts at **8.40am** and ends at **3.30pm**. Please feel free to come into class with your child and stay and play with them for a short while before register time. This is a great time to chat to your child's teacher or other staff about their progress or any concerns you may have.

Your child will be entitled to free school meals when they start school under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, alternatively they may bring a healthy packed lunch.

Water bottles are essential, please ensure your child has one with their name on.

We do have a daily timetabled slot for milk and fruit while we watch 'Newsround' and discuss topical issues arising from that. Milk is provided by 'Cool Milk' please register your child online and, once your child has turned 5 years old, you must pay for milk if you wish them to continue to have it. Fruit is provided free of charge for all children in FS/KS1 (up to year 2, age 7).

We are only able to hand your child over at the end of the school day to a person named by you and, where possible, introduced to the FS2 staff in person. **If someone else arrives to collect your child we will be unable to hand them over without your permission.** If you are going to be late collecting your child please let the school office know as soon as possible (Telephone 882381).

School has a uniform policy (please put your child's name **ON EVERYTHING**, including their coat!)

- Green (School) jumper/cardigan/ sweatshirt
- Dark grey/black trousers (long or short), skirt/pinafore dress
- Green/yellow and white checked summer dresses
- White shirt, yellow/white polo shirt
- Black sensible shoes (NO TRAINERS)
- No jewellery except small stud earrings
- No extreme hairstyles or accessories

For P.E.

- Black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Pumps/trainers
- P.E. bag
- No earrings to be worn on PE days

Please bring PE kits on Monday and take them home again on Friday.

Our topic for the first half term is 'Do you want to be friends?'



Personal and Social Development:

We will focus on settling in to new routines, making new friends, understanding our feelings and the feelings of others.

We will be finding out about what makes a good friend and why it is important to be kind to others and share.



Literacy:

We will be following the programme 'Read, Write, Inc' which will develop our knowledge of single letter sounds and also how to blend and segment them to read and write words and phrases. We will also be learning to distinguish different sounds by going on 'listening walks' and playing listening games.



Your child will also be invited to choose and borrow story books for you to read to your child and talk about at home. Please log their participation and interest in your child's reading diary. The class library will be open each morning from 8.40am.

Maths:



Our focus will be on number through careful counting, ordering and matching amounts to written numerals. We are learning how to count carefully by moving objects, playing number games together and singing number rhymes.

Understanding the World:

Our focus will be about how we are all the same, yet have differences that make us special individuals. We will also be investigating who the adults within school are and how they help us.



Creative:



We will be learning about colour mixing and, by looking carefully at how we are similar and different to others, will be painting portraits of ourselves and some of the adults who work in school.

ICT:



Using the programme Dazzle and creating pictures we will be developing mouse control and tool selection. We will also access number and reading activities.

Physical Development:



There will be access to the outside area everyday and on fine days we will be using the trim trail.

Our theme during PE will be learning about the different ways of moving in a space and also when using small apparatus, remembering to listen and stop on a signal.



Other aspects of physical development will include fine motor control or 'Funky Fingers' e.g. threading beads, using scissors to cut more accurately and correct letter/number formation, ensuring correct pencil grip. We will be building the strength in our hands and having lots of fun during 'Doh Disco'!



The children will have access to the outdoor area on a daily basis, whatever the weather.

We provide waterproof coats and trousers for all children to use but please provide your child with a pair of wellington boots (please write their name inside) so that they can participate fully in all of our outdoor investigational and messy play activities.



We have a limited supply of spare clothing in school for those times when accidents happen e.g. getting splashed in the water area or falling over into a puddle, etc. We request that your child also brings spare clothing e.g. change of clothes, socks/tights, pants, just in case.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Thank you for your support

Mrs. Bratcher, Mrs. Barrass and Mrs. Burd

Here is our FS2 homework menu.

You can choose to do these activities in any order over the course of the half term.

