

FURZEHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

An enormous welcome to our Reception class!

Although we do encourage the children to become as independent as possible, (particularly when coming in at the start of the day) please, please feel free to come in and talk to us about any worries or concerns you may have about anything however small or silly it may seem. As parents ourselves we completely understand how precious your children are and how you must be feeling about your little one starting school.

We are really keen to celebrate and praise the children whenever possible and have a rainbow reward system in our class. The children are rewarded by moving down the colours of the rainbow towards the 'pot of gold'. Once they have made it there they are rewarded with a 'dip in the box'.

As your children are staying for lunch next week it is important to clarify arrangements for selecting their dinner choices!! Please tick an option on the clipboard located on the table as you come in each morning. It is important that you indicate a choice for your child even if you are sending them in with a packed lunch from home.

Please also place your child's school book bag in the box provided in the entrance– we will write to you to confirm arrangements for changing their reading books once these have been sent home in a couple of weeks time.

We are due to have PE two times a week, please ensure that your child's P.E kit is in school at the beginning of each half term. (Don't panic if it's not in school just yet we shall let you know the week before we start getting the children changed for P.E.) We shall send it home at the end of each half term for a wash.

Please ensure that all uniform and P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. When 15 sets of clothes are left on the tables at the same time, we cannot guarantee that your child returns home with an item as nice as the one you sent them in if they are not named! This is equally important for all other personal items.

If they are unfamiliar with them, it would be fantastic if you could help your child to practise fastening and unfastening their buttons, putting their socks or tights on and ensuring they can put on their own shoes independently.

In an effort to provide the children with opportunities for speaking and listening, every weekend one child will bring home our class elephant, 'Eddie' for a sleepover at their house. We would like you to show him a good time and send him back to school on Monday morning. Your child will then be encouraged to tell us all about their weekend's adventures with Eddie. It is always interesting to see the different ways that children record what they have done with Eddie; photographs, pictures and even attempts at writing. There is no expectation for you to record anything but we would love it if you did - it's completely up to you!

Every Monday morning a different child in our class will be chosen as the 'Star of the Week'. This child will then have the privilege of being the first in line when lining up (which is obviously a very important job when you are 4 or 5 years old!), clearing the 'name board' on our learning board and generally being our special helper around the classroom. The children are usually very excited about being the 'Star of the Week!' Each child will have one turn over the course of the year. We will also send home a special 'Star Box' in which they can put in any special or precious things or favourite toys which they would like to show the class during the week; another opportunity for speaking and listening. Please help them to remember to bring it back at the beginning of the week if it is their turn. Please ensure that your children's own toys stay at home and that they do not come into school unless it is their turn to fill the 'Star Box' or for another reason we have requested that they are brought in.

Also just to note that Mrs Booth will be in teaching your children alongside Mrs Wallis on Friday each week. She is really looking forward to teaching your children and meeting you.

Finally, once the children have settled for a week or two, we would really welcome any help that you can offer us in the classroom. We shall write to you again soon to let you know how we are going to organise this.

We are looking forward to a fabulous term with your children!

Kind regards,

Mrs Shaw-Giles, Mrs Wallis & Mrs Booth

