



Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

'Inspired to learn, inspired for life'

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! The autumn term is well under way and the children are settling back into the school routine really well. We thought you would appreciate a summary of important information and to help answer those small but essential questions you may have!

- 1) You will have already received your child's Reading diary. This is intended as a reading record to log every time your child reads at home. Your child is asked to read at home every night as part of their home learning. A record of reading at home is kept in school and rewards are given weekly for consistent reading. We regard reading as fundamental to your child's academic development and ask for your help in supporting us. We recommend 10 mins a day.
- 2) Year 3 children in Mrs Hewitt's class will be walked downstairs at the side entrance on to the playground at the end of the day by an adult. Year 3 children in Mr Bennett's class will come out on to the playground from the south entrance (at the back of the school by the steps). Year 3 children will be 'handed over' to the adult picking them up whereas Year 4 children will be released from class and expected to know who they are meeting or how they are getting home and to act according to their instructions for that day. Adults will always be available around school so your child will never be alone on-site. Children who are awaiting delayed parents will be directed to the main Reception area to wait for their pick-ups.
- 3) Your child should bring a water bottle into class filled with water on a daily basis.
- 4) PE kits should remain in school from Monday to Friday. A school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts, spare socks and trainers. Long hair must be tied back so, if this applies, please provide hair bands.
- 5) Please label **all** clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them!
- 6) Home learning will be set on a Friday and, unless stated otherwise, will be expected to be handed in on the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to do their home learning independently, as this is an important habit to develop, but of course if your child needs support then don't hesitate to give it. If your child is struggling and is unable to complete the home learning then please just drop us a note or speak to us so we can offer support.
- 7) You will receive your child's current spelling list. All highlighted spellings are those that your child already knows. Please help your child over the course of the term to learn to spell some of the others. Please take a selection at a time, not the whole list! We will be periodically testing them and will send you home an updated list each new term.
- 8) Our learning starts directly after the register, which is taken at 8.55 am. Children who arrive late are missing important information and part of the first lesson. Therefore could you please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time, thank you.

We hope this has answered some immediate questions you may have and hope you join us in looking forward to a happy and productive year. Please feel free to catch us at the beginning or end of each day if you have any further questions or queries.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Job, Mr Bennett, Miss Ford and Mrs Giffard