

Helping at home

Literacy Evening

Early in the Autumn term, we will be inviting you to a Literacy Evening. We will be sharing with you how to help your child with early reading and writing. We promise to make the evening fun and enjoyable! Even if you have attended before, please come again as things may have changed and we're sure you will pick up new ideas. Feedback from parents who have attended the evening in the past has always been enormously positive. See you there!



Wow moments

During the year, there will be little and big achievements along the way that your little one will want to celebrate in school. Therefore, we will giving your child set of pink post it notes to take home. Please use these to note down special achievements and we will celebrate these at school.

WOW!

Pre-school links

We always strive to make the transition from Nursery to School as smooth and positive as possible. The Foundation Stage Manager has visited 6 of our many feeder nurseries—meeting the children and talking to staff. Also, most of the children have come for a little visit this week. This was a really positive time and we really enjoyed meeting them all! If you have your child's Learning Journey we would love to share this with your child at the beginning of the school year. This is another great way to smooth transition between settings and continue the learning journey!

We very much look forward to working in partnership with you!

**From the Foundation team :-
Miss K Tame (Foundation Stage Manager),
and Mrs H Gray (Class Teacher), Mrs Wilde,
and Miss Bruntlett (Nursery Nurses)**



Little Hill

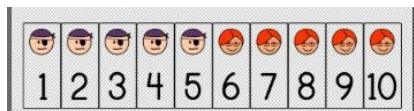
New Parents Information Booklet



Over the Summer term

Parents often ask us what little tasks they can work on with their child over the summer holiday. Here are a few ideas for you!

- Be independent in using the toilet
- Recognise their name
- Begin to write their name
- Change independently into their P.E. Kit
- Count forwards and backwards to 10



Please put names on!

Please can all items of the school uniform be clearly named—including vests. Also, please make sure the whole P.E. kit is labelled too. 60 red un-named jumpers can be an interesting situation! Beware of using biro on clothing labels as this washes off quicker than you might think. It is very helpful if the child's name is on the **outside** of their P.E. bag, especially when the bags tend to look the same! P.E. Will be on **Thursdays and Fridays**. Due to safety reasons we also ask that no jewellery be worn during the school day.



The school day

The cloakroom doors open at **8.40am** and register starts from **8.45am**. Each child will have a cloakroom peg and a picture card with their name on. This is a busy time of the day so please can pushchairs and prams be left outside wherever possible.

Children can bring small toys to school, we have a home box to keep these safe during the day.



Once the term begins, children will be given a little homework task to complete over the weekend. This will be a short activity or game which is linked to the learning themes for that week.

Let's hope this doesn't happen!



Children are entitled to free milk until their 5th birthday. This needs to be ordered through "Cool Milk". Your child will receive a letter about this at the start of term. Free fruit is also available everyday during break time.



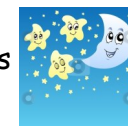
At lunch time, children can either bring a packed lunch to school - no fizzy drinks please - or have a hot dinner. There is **no charge** for the hot dinners. We just ask that you let us know on a weekly basis if your child is having hot dinners that week.

The school day finishes at **3.15pm**. Children will exit from the 4+ playground at the front of the school.

You as a parent

We very much have an 'open door' policy in the Foundation Unit. Please come and see us if you or your child has any worries or concerns. The best time to speak to a member of staff is at the end of the school day. However, if your child has been poorly in the night, please do let one of us know in the morning.

Please keep your contact details up-to-date with the office staff and let us know straight away of any medical needs / concerns.



Sometimes children do have little toileting accidents and we have some spare clothes if this happens. Please can these be washed and returned as soon as possible to keep our stocks high!

If you have a little time to spare and are interested in being a parent helper, we would love to invite you into the classroom. Please speak to a member of the Foundation staff and we can get this organised. Over the years, we have had many parent helpers. As well as helping your child and other children, coming into school to help is an excellent insight into the school day and how to help at home. Please do consider this!

