

Writtle Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Early Years Foundation Stage!

Most children have settled in really well and are getting the hang of the new routines and rules. There is so much to learn. From tomorrow please could you try to say your goodbyes at the door rather than coming into the class, with 30 children it can get a bit crowded and can be quite upsetting for some of the children. Last week we taught the children the morning routine and most know what to do.

Every week we will write a short paragraph in the school's weekly newsletter to let you know what we have been up to during the week and ways you can help your child at home. As a rule we don't set homework but we do send home 'Tapestry Challenges'. We will explain these at our 'Parents Picnic and Play' mornings in a few weeks.

Reading, words and sounds

It takes a few weeks for the children to get to know us and for us to get to know them and to feel comfortable. During these first weeks we shall be observing children in different situations to create a picture of their learning, development and interests. We will then send reading books, sounds and words for them to work on at home. We will give you more information about reading and phonics at our 'Parents Picnic and Play' morning.

General information and reminders

Please could everyone ensure their child's snack and drink bottle is **labelled**, we are not able to remind children to have their drinks and snacks if we do not know whose they are. The children do not need to bring any extra bags or lunch boxes for their snacks as they have enough to carry. They also do not have enough room on their pegs! It does help if you give them their drink and snack to hold as they come into school because they need to put them in boxes and on a shelf. It just makes it easier for them. If your child has packed lunch then they need a separate drink for lunch which can be put in their lunch box. Please can children keep their snacks separate from their lunch boxes.

Please could children have **plain still water** and a fruit or vegetable snack. (Grapes **must** be cut up)

All children need to bring their **book bag** in every day.

Thank you to those of you who have already provided wellies and raincoats.

In the warm weather children need to have a sun hat in school every day.

As we are still learning who all the parents are, please keep an eye out for your child at home time and give us a wave so we can see you. If someone else is picking up your child, let the adult on the door or the office know. Please be advised that we are unable to hand your child over to anyone different without receiving prior permission from you. From tomorrow please come through into our garden area at home time as we will see the children out from our classroom doors. **Please do not allow younger siblings or the children to play on the equipment.**

Thank you to parents who have put their children in the correct uniform, as stated on the [school website](#). This is a uniform that we have chosen for comfort, practicality and to encourage independence. Please be advised that on **Wednesdays** we expect the children to be dressed in tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers for PE as we are not getting the children changed for PE this term. We also have our 'Forest School' activities in the afternoon as well. We will let you know when we will start PE, it will be in the next couple of weeks. If your child has long hair we do ask that it is tied back, plaits are best to keep unwelcome visitors at bay!

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the parent meetings. We will send home forms for you to fill in if you were unable to attend. We look forward to seeing you at our 'Parents Picnic and Play'!

Thanks for all your support, please feel free to pop in if you need any advice or want to chat about your child.

Mrs Fisk and Mrs Herring

Our values: Honesty, Independence, Perseverance, Inclusivity, Politeness

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