Dear Parents / Carers,

We are so excited to welcome you all back on Monday! We hope the children are excited too, we know there might be a few nerves so please talk to them about their return to school as it has been a long time for many of them. If you have any questions staff are always available via tapestry or email, calls to the school are possible but staff sometimes find it difficult to answer these during teaching times. Please find enclosed some information for yourselves and your child that may help them with their transition back to school.

In January we welcomed a new member of staff to our Nursery – Leila Anderson. Leila is a highly experienced practitioner and has already made some fantastic contributions to our nursery – she will be in school certain mornings and every afternoon and would love it if you introduced yourself to her when she is on the gate!

Key information –

* Drop off and collection times return to normal – 8:45 am for Reception and Nursery, 11:50am collection for morning Nursery and 3:00pm for Reception and our 30 hour children. Toucan sessions are 12:30 – 3:30pm. All children need to be dropped off and collected at the main school gate next to the office. Please remember to adhere to social distancing rules and wear a face mask. We also politely request that only one parent drops off / collects their child.
* Lunch times – Nursery children can purchase a school lunch for £2.20 or can bring in a packed lunch. School lunches are free for Reception children although they may also bring a packed lunch. Please remember that we are a healthy school, we request packed lunches do not contain chocolate bars, sweets or fizzy drinks. Please also remember that we do have allergies in school – no peanut butter, nuts of any kind or chocolate / nut spread in sandwiches. We appreciate your cooperation with this as we do have to remove items containing these to keep all our children safe.
* Children may bring a book bag, water bottle and coat – no additional items / toys / umbrellas etc may come to school at present. Nursery / Toucan children can bring a change of clothes to school in a bag if needed.
* Children do take part in a range of activities so older clothes / unifroms are best for our nursery children and Toucans.
* Reception children’s PE will continue to take place on a Monday this half term.
* All children have tapestry accounts where you can see some of the activities they have enjoyed during their school day. If you are finding it difficult to access these please contact a member of staff as we do use this system to communicate regularly.
* World Book Day will take place on Friday the 12th of March and children may come to school dressed as their favourite character or in the pyjamas ready for a bed time story.

Hints and tips –

* Please talk to your child about their return to school
* Please communicate any concerns or questions to staff – we are here to help!
* We are expecting a few tired children – please remember that a day at school is very different to a day at home. Do not worry if your child is tired during the first week, it may take them a little while to settle back into the new routine!

We want to return to school to be as positive as possible and have lots of lovely activities planned to regroup and reconnect as classes. We cannot wait to see you all on Monday!

Take care, stay safe and we will see you very soon!

The Early Years Team