

Ladybird Class Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big warm welcome to Reception! We are so excited to begin this new school year with your children and can't wait to share lots of fun and learning with them.



Over the first few weeks, we'll be helping the children get used to new routines, make friends, and grow in confidence. This half term, our topic is "**Let's Explore – School Community and Building Friendships.**" The children will be exploring the school grounds, getting to know all the people in school who are here to help them, and learning more about how special and unique they are. We'll also be celebrating how every family is different and important.

In our literacy work, we'll be sharing some wonderful stories, including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, which we'll use to inspire role play, outdoor exploration, and early writing. We'll also be starting our daily phonics sessions to help the children begin their reading journey.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 25th September Childhood Flu Vaccination Yr R-6

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th September 3.30-6.00pm Parent consultations

Monday 29th September- Individual photos and family groups

Friday 17th October Non- uniform (£1 donation) and end of term

Here are a few reminders to help us get into good routines:

- Please make sure your child brings their **book bag (not a backpack)** every day.
- Please label all personal items including, clothing, lunchbox and coats.
- Water bottles are provided in the classroom for children to access.
- If you are bringing a pack lunch from home please make sure it is nut free and healthy choices.
- If earrings are worn they **must** be studs.
- **PE will be on Friday**, so children will need their full PE kit in school, earrings need to be removed before school.
- Reading books will be sent home once the children are settled into their routines – we'll let you know when these are ready to come home.

Most importantly, our aim this term is to help your child feel happy, safe, and confident in school. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us at the door or contact us through the office.

Thank you for your support – we are really looking forward to a fun and exciting term together!

Mrs Geeves, Mrs Bilton, Mrs Axten and Mrs Glover.