



FOUNDATION STAGE ONE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to our older Owls



Welcome to Foundation Stage one (FS1)

We know that the last few months have been strange. In September we are welcoming back new starters, children who returned for a short time and children who are returning after a long time off.

We would like to go through the important things that you need to know as one of our current parents/carers and as you already have your child with us.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 - FS1 children start back

(The new starters will not start until Monday 7th September so that we can settle everyone else in the first three days.)

Morning session children attend from 8.30am to 11.30am. This is for those children entitled to 15 hours provision.

All day children attend from 8.30am to 3.20pm. This is for those eligible for the 30 hour provision.

Please be prompt collecting your child. Please also ensure that you keep an eye out over the summer for updates to these timings and guidance, which is changing regularly due to the current circumstances.

We would like to ensure that children are kept safe at all times and remind you not to walk across the staff car park, but to use the path along the fence. Please make sure that your children do not climb on the fencing of our neighbours and that they stay within the school perimeter at all times. At the end of a session/day, if you need to access the main playground please use the gate next to the office. This will be left open for a short time before and after school. We will aim to open the doors at 3.10pm, so that you have time to make your way around to pick up siblings. We will also, as always, keep children with us until you have collected them after 3.20pm.

Staffing

There will be a change to staffing in September and Miss Baldwin will be moving to work in year 2. We know that Miss Baldwin will be great and we will miss her. Mrs Williams and Mrs Henderson will continue to be the class teachers and Mrs Meakin will be the class teaching assistant. Mrs Meakin has been in year 3 during the past year and has previously supported the 30 hour lunch cover. Mrs Henderson will continue teaching all day on a Monday and on a Tuesday morning for Mrs Williams' PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). We are also supported by a supervisor across lunch to provide cover and support for those children accessing the 30 hours provision.

If you are not sure who is who, please feel free to ask and we can introduce ourselves.



Our Autumn term 1 topic

Do you want to be friends?

In the first half term, our topic is called, 'Do you want to be friends?' We are sharing topic questions with FS2, however the way we deliver, plan and experience the unit will be different. We will talk about playing and how to be kind to others, thinking about their feelings. We will learn about friendships and the best ways of working together as a team. Whilst exploring this topic we are looking forward to learning more about each other and the things that we have in common and what things make us different.

30 hour children

If your child is eligible for 30 hours provision they will stay all day from September 3rd unless you have let us know otherwise. We will let you know if there is any change to this with current Covid-19 guidance. Children will have their lunch in the classroom and then either watch something on the whiteboard or go outside to play from 11.30am to 12.20pm. If you wish to order a school dinner this is done through Teachers to Parents (please contact the school office for more information) otherwise please send your child with a packed lunch. We have no afternoon children arriving into school for an afternoon session. This means that the 30 hour children will be joining FS2 from approximately 1pm to 3pm each day, **with Mrs Williams or Mrs Henderson**. We will be working together and the children will continue to have access to the Early years curriculum, learning through play and working in small groups with the staff. We will use both rooms where appropriate and the outside areas. At the end of the day we will continue to let the children go from the FS1 classroom as normal.



Physical Education

For the 1st half term, Next Level Sports will take the 30 hour children for PE each Monday afternoon for a short session, and all of FS1 each Thursday morning for another session. Children do not need a PE kit. Please remember that earrings and jewellery **MUST** be removed. If your child has newly pierced ears, please let us know.

Things to remember:

- Write your child's full name in all of their clothing. This helps match up each child's things. The following name labels are great and we would personally recommend the stickers. Please use the code: 27204 <https://www.mynametags.com>
- Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather. We have play outdoors everyday and if it is raining, they will need a coat and wellies. 
- Please send your child with a bag containing spare clothes and if needed wipes. 
- Bring a named drink bottle - no fizzy drinks please.
- No snack will be necessary - fruit should be delivered again. We will let you know about hot snack in September. 
- We will send home a library book each Monday along with their reading diary. Please ensure that this returned each Monday.
- Let us know if your child will not be in or is ill. 
- Let us know if someone else will collect your child. If you have not let us know, and someone different comes to collect, we will ask them for your personal password that you gave when your child started.
- Please contact us on Dojo if there is anything you wanted to ask to inform us about.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all of your hard work and support over the last year, but especially since March! We have missed the children and are looking forward to being back.

The Foundation 1 team

