

**Dates:**

**FOKS EYFS coffee morning – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am-11.00am The Station Pub**

**All EYFS children in full time – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September onwards**

**Individual photos – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parent consultations – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3.30pm-6.30pm**

**INSET day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Half term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Occasional day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Christmas Jumper day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last day of term – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 12pm**

**Christmas holidays – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

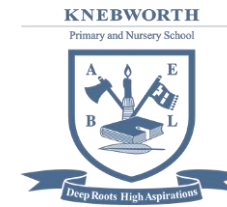
**INSET day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Spring term begins – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Finally, don't forget to check the weekly newsletter on *parentmail* and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Mrs Harris   Mrs Clayton

Miss Long   Mrs McCormack   Mrs Peeroozee



## Termly Information

### Reception

### Autumn Term

*Deep Roots*

### Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn term in Reception! This is the beginning of a very special journey for the new Reception children and we cannot wait to share this journey with them as well as yourselves.

This term, the children will learn through a combination of self-chosen Independent Learning (IL) and Adult Led (AL) small group activities. Topics and themes will be led by the children's interests. This may mean that we may focus on an activity for a few days or sometimes for a few weeks.

### Arrival and pick up times

The whole school is currently adhering to staggered start and finish times in order to support social distancing. Once our transition weeks have been completed Reception will be starting their regular school hours of between 8.40-8:50am until 3:10pm. From the top gate, please then come into the Reception outdoor classroom when dropping off and picking up your child to avoid a potential bottle neck in the Year 1 playground. If somebody different is going to pick up your child please inform a member of staff in the morning and ensure the person collecting the child knows the safeguarding password you have provided us with.

### Sickness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to stay at home for a full **48 hours** after the final bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Please do not send them back any earlier even if they seem well enough or are eager to return. As outlined in the Covid-19 information, please can we remind you that if your child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough **or** a high temperature **or** has a loss of, **or** change in their normal sense of taste or smell - They must **not** come into school and must **GET TESTED**. You will need to call **119** which is a line set up especially for testing, or contact your doctor. You must then follow the Government guidelines which can be found at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Please inform the school of any illness or symptoms your child may present with. This is especially important this term when the children have been less exposed to childhood illnesses. Thank you.

### Water bottles and snacks

We would like all children to bring in a named water bottle into school. Please ensure this only contains water. We also provide your child with free fruit and vegetable snacks as part of a government incentive. Therefore, please **do not** provide additional snack from home unless there is a medical reason to do so.

### Clothing

Your child has the opportunity to go outside every day during Child Initiated Learning and during Adult Led activities. Children may choose to play indoors or outdoors or a mixture of both. Please make sure your child comes to school this term with a warm, waterproof coat. We learn in all weathers, including the rain, so if your child does not have a coat then they may not be able to join in with all activities. Please supply a full set of spare clothing, including underwear to be kept on your child's peg in their P.E or other small bag. This is in case of accidents or simply getting too wet or dirty while playing with the water, wood kitchen etc. Please name all clothing.

### PE

We will have indoor PE on Tuesday mornings and outdoor PE with Miss Breckenridge on Thursday afternoons. Please remember to send in your child wearing their full P.E kit. When the weather gets colder we advise for children to wear jogging bottoms instead of shorts.

### Phonics

The children will participate in daily phonics activities. These will include recognising and learning the phonetic alphabet as well as revisiting phase 1 phonics to support sound recognition and rhythm which is crucial for early reading.

### Reading

We will not be sending home reading books for at least the first term. Once we are confident that the children are securely on their reading journey, then we will provide a home book to support and consolidate learning.

### Wow Moments

We would love to share in your children's learning that they have completed at home. This could be riding a bike without stabilizers, writing a card for a family member, independently dressing themselves or an achievement in swimming. Once the children are settled, we will be sending you details about how to access Tapestry online learning journals. You will then be able to use Tapestry to share these 'wow moments' from home whenever children try, learn or experience something new, which your child can then share with the rest of the class. These will not be timetabled into a rota, as we would like them to be as spontaneous as possible. This may mean that children may not have a special moment for a couple of weeks which will then make it even more special for the children to share.

### Values certificates

Each week we have a celebration assembly in class in which we award our Values Certificates. These are awarded each week to children in Reception who have achieved something extra special. It may be that they have been a really good friend or they have been especially helpful. They may have done something for the first time or perhaps they have tried really hard at something tricky. Their efforts and achievements will be celebrated and will be linked to our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Junk modelling The children love junk modelling, so we are always happy to receive any of your 'junk' such as cardboard tubes, boxes and bottles to keep our workshop area stocked up. We will keep it COVID safe by making sure that the junk has been quarantined before using.

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