



# Your first newsletter...



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a super start the children have all made to their first term in school. They all looked very smart in their new school uniform and have all settled in well. They have enjoyed their first week and we are excited to start them on their school journey!

## Topic

We are starting the school year with the topic of 'Bears'. We will be learning all about 'Bears' and doing lots of exciting learning activities. We have already been learning about sounds in the environment from our noisy neighbour Goldilocks and have been on a bear hunt! We have retold the story of 'Bear Hunt' in outdoor classroom. We had a great time! Through our topic of 'Bears' we will also be learning about patterns and numbers. We hope to have a teddy bears picnic at the end of our topic. We will be keeping you informed of these things, and please feel free to come and ask us if you have any questions.

## Jobs

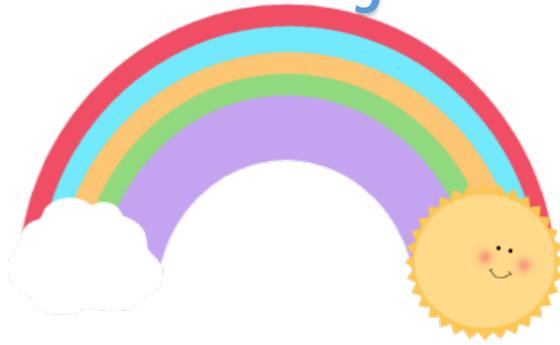
We are very pleased to tell you that during their first weeks at school the children have all completed 'must do jobs'. During the course of the week they will complete many jobs focusing on many different skills, with English and Maths skills being taught daily. Please remember to ask your child about their job and what have been learning at school.

## The sunshine, rainbow and cloud

Your child may have come home and mentioned the rainbow, sun and cloud. This is the behaviour system that we use throughout school. Each day the children start with their name on the rainbow. If they follow the golden rules and make the grown-ups go WOW! Then their name goes onto the sunshine. If it stays there they will get a sticker at the end of the day. If they are struggling to follow the golden rules their names will go onto the cloud and they will need to have a few minutes of time out. We always ensure that after a period of time out we speak to the children about what has happened and what they should do next time. Please celebrate your children's sunshine achievements with them and feel free to ask us about how amazing they are.



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## Learning Journeys

We are tracking and recording all of your child's magic moments in their new online learning journeys. If your child has a magic moment at home please let us know by uploading it through your account through Tapestry. Whether it is riding a bike without stabilisers, learning to swim or even tying their shoes for the first time we would love to hear about their little achievements. This is very easy to do. You can do this on a mobile device, tablet or computer. If you have not already, please sign up by returning the tapestry slip sent out to you. If you have misplaced your letter, please ask Mrs Crown and Miss Webster for another one.

## In the morning...

Please stay on the playground until 8.50. We will then open the gate for you to bring your child to their classroom. Please encourage your children to be independent and leave them at the door. This will help with our independence in PE and during the school day.

## Snacks & Water Bottles

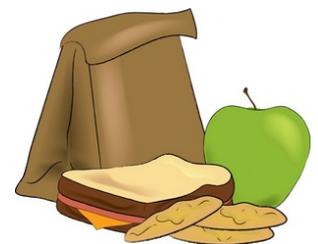
Each morning there will be toast for the children to enjoy. They will also have different fruits to choose from. Please bring a water bottle each day filled with **water**. We also have free school milk every morning to be enjoyed during toast time. Your child will receive school milk until the end of Reception. If your child has any allergies please let Miss Webster or Mrs Crown know.

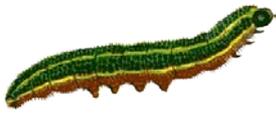
## Uniform

Thank-you for making your children look so smart in their brand new uniforms. Please don't forget to **name** all school uniform, this will help us hugely at the end of the day! In Early Years we do get a little bit messy when learning through play so don't be alarmed if your child comes home a little messy! Everything should wash out!

## Lunchtime

Remember each child is entitled to a free school dinner. They have certainly enjoyed them so far! If your child would prefer a packed lunch please provide a variety of healthy foods.





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## At the end of the day

Remember that if someone new is collecting your child please inform Miss Webster, Mrs Crown or the school office at the start of the day. Unless we are informed we will not let your child go home with somebody who we haven't had permission for.

**Houldsworth Valley  
Primary Academy**

## Other adults

Supporting us in Early Years are Mrs Gleed and Mrs Paterson. When Miss Webster and Mrs Crown have Planning, Preparation and Assessment time the children will have a sports afternoon on Tuesdays. This is covered by Mrs Ennis and Mr Kerins. Miss Connor also support Butterflies on Wednesdays.

Finally if you have any questions, worries or concerns please come and speak to Miss Webster or Mrs Crown either at the end of the day.

We look forward to an amazing year with your little superstars!

Miss Webster and Mrs Crown

