



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to EYFS Blossom Class. We hope that you had a wonderful summer break. Whether you are a familiar face in school already, your child has been to another school previously or if this is your child's first time in a setting, we will give you a HUGE welcome and we cannot wait to get to know all our fantastic families and continue to work together as a community. We are very excited to get to know you and get to know the children.

Please see below for some start of term information that you will find useful.

There will be another letter soon with more details about the curriculum, wonder books, phonics, reading books and library books.

Dropping off and picking up:

All children will be dropped off and collected from the Blossom Class entrance (formally the Nursery entrance). For new families, this is the entrance on Ashburnham Road next to the children's centre.

Session start times: *School starts at 8.55am. The gates will open for drop off at 8.45am.*

We will close and lock the door and gate at 9am for the safety of the children. *If you do arrive after this time, please bring the children through the school office. To help your child settle and have a gentle start it is very important for them to be on time.*

Collection: *Morning session ends at 11.55am. Children will be collected from the Blossom Class door at this time.*

The afternoon session ends at 3.30pm. We will open the gates at 3.25pm.

PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE NAMED.

As the children are learning to become independent, misplacing items of clothing is likely. Please make sure that all items of clothing, including wellies, are labelled. As the weather becomes wetter and colder, please also label hats, gloves and coats.

We will be getting wet, messy, covered in sand or paint sometimes! We may even have a little accident. Please provide a spare set of clothes on your child's peg in case we need to change them.

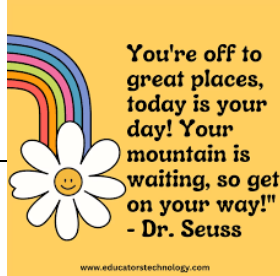
Cooking & Messy Play Money

Over the year, we would like your children to take part in a range of cooking and messy play activities. To support this we are asking if the parents would make a voluntary donation of £5.00 per term to cover the costs of ingredients for cooking and play-doh as well as resources for messy play.

If you are able to do this then please would you give the money to one of the Staff or to the school office, stating the name of your child and their class or alternatively make a payment through Scopay. Thank you

TRANSITION

It can take some time for children to get back into a routine or settle into a new routine. Please do not worry if this happens in the morning. We will be on hand to give plenty of cuddles and we are more than happy to call to let you know that they have settled if you would like us too.



SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding a phonics workshop in school on

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER at 9:00 am

It is a really useful session to attend to understand how we teaching phonics and early reading in school and for Reception ages children how we organise reading books and reading at home.

It will be lovely to see you all.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING AT THE START OF THIS HALF TERM?

At this point in the year, we focus on supporting the children with their transition into school. We help them establish new routines and new relationships. We spend time getting to know the children, their likes, their interests, their families and their next steps. We hope that they will settle into school and that it feels like a loving and safe environment where they can lead their own learning, investigate and be curious.

We will have an over-arching topic called 'Bold Bright and Beautiful'. We will be talking about our families, listening to stories about different families and inspiring characters, recognising what is special about ourselves and our school.

Most importantly, we will be coming out of school, happy and smiley ready to tell you all about our day!

Important APPS:



SCOPAY:

Booking clubs, 3 BEE's breakfast club, 3 BEE's afterschool care and paying for trips will all happen on the SCOPAY APP. A QR code can be accessed via the office, which will help you set up the app for your child. Please let the staff team or the office team know if you would like any help with this.

STUDY BUGS:

All absences must be reported via the school office or the Study Bugs APP. The app is useful as you can send a quick message and it goes directly to the office. We have a statutory duty to reach out to parents and carers when a child is absent from school.