



Tudor Grange Primary Academy

Meon Vale

Monday 13th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Reception (Little Oaks) team we would like to personally welcome you to TGPA Meon Vale and hope you and your child are looking forward to the exciting academic year ahead.

Communication

In order for you to understand and be part of your child's education we have attached a topic web for this half term to give you an outline of the curriculum we will be following. We will send home a topic web and curriculum letter at the beginning of each half term to introduce our new topic and inform you of any key events or dates.

The main focus of this term is to help your child feel comfortable and settled in their new surroundings, supported by a variety of play-based and small focussed group activities in the various areas of learning which make up the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. Over the coming weeks we will begin our teaching of phonics and early reading. We will give you details of how to support your child with their Literacy learning and homework in due course. Your child will receive a phonics pack, reading books and word lists.

To support the topic of 'Superhero Me', please send in one 6x4 photograph of your child with their immediate family. This will be used to stimulate discussion during circle time and to support our work on families. This photograph may be stuck into your child's book so please send a copy that you are happy not to have returned in its original form. Please put your child's name on the back of the photograph and hand it to the teacher or place it in your child's book bag and let the teacher know on the day you have sent it with your child.

Assessment

In the forthcoming weeks we will be undertaking a range of formal assessments, observations and interactions to develop our understanding of your child's. This academic year we will be participating in the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment. This interactive and practical assessment will look at your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. There is no pass or fail with this assessment, every school is now taking part and the main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils.

EYFS Team

The Reception team consists of Mrs Cotton, the EYFS lead who teaches a Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Wood, who teaches on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Miss Watkins who is our class teaching assistant, but also currently training to be a primary school teacher.

Reminders...

Please can we take the opportunity to give a gentle reminder that children must bring a named bottle which contains ONLY water and not juice or squash. This is school policy and non-negotiable. Please also ensure they bring their bookbag and a waterproof jacket daily. There is a welly rack outside our classroom door where you can put named wellies so we can go outside in all weathers.

If someone different to the child's parent or guardian is collecting your child from school, please notify either the office or class teachers. We will be keeping a list of collection arrangements in our classroom, and we can add any permanent specific day arrangements to this list. If we have not been notified then your child will not be handed to the person collecting, even if it is someone we recognise or another parent.

Finally, we appreciate the start of school is both an exciting and daunting time for both parents and children. It was unfortunate that the children were unable to attend induction visits during the Summer term due to the pandemic. However, they have all had a fantastic first week at school and we are looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wood or myself.



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Kind Regards

Mrs Cotton - Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Meon Vale – EYFS Lead and Class Teacher

Miss Wood - Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Meon Vale – Class Teacher

Miss Watkins - Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Meon Vale – Trainee Teacher

