



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Newbold Verdon Primary School, to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and to the Dragonfly Class. We hope that it is the beginning of a long and happy partnership.

We will regularly keep you updated with news and events within the Foundation Stage, but here is some information that you need to know at the start of term:

Staff:

Class teachers - Mrs Dewis, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Brennan

Teaching assistants- Mrs North, Miss Summers and Ms. Hicks

Settling in

Please feel free to stay with your child until 9.00am each morning to help them to settle in.

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Water Bottles

Please send your child with a named water bottle. These will be sent home each Friday.

Toast

Children have the opportunity to have toast daily at a cost of 10p per slice or 5p per half slice, it would be really helpful if you could pay for this half termly. This half term the cost is £3.70. The children also have a piece of fruit each day which is free.

Reading Books

Your child will be given two books, one book for you to share, the other for them to read. Please read with your child every day and record this in their reading records which should be brought into school daily. We will change their books on a Monday and Thursday. We appreciate that the children may not yet be reading but please look at the books together - at this stage it is important that children know how to handle a book, understand which is the front and back cover and that we read from left to right. Please speak to a member of the team if you need any assistance or guidance. Please draw a smiley face on the bookmark

at the front of the reading record, each time your child reads at home- once the bookmark is full your child can take story sack home to share.

Please check your child's reading record each day as it is used as a home communication book.

Little Star vouchers

The topics that we teach in the Foundation Stage are very much child-led and we aim to get to know the children very well- for this to happen we need your help! Please let us know of any significant achievements or interests within your child's life- no matter how small. Please write these on a Little Star voucher (attached) so that we have a record of this information.

Learning Journeys

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children learn through play, exploration and practical activities. Ongoing assessment from all of the adults involved with your child helps to build an accurate picture of what they can do and what the next steps should be in their learning to ensure that they make progress and reach their full potential. Learning Journeys document this information and will include evidence such as photographs, observations or samples of their work. We also welcome contributions from you and other family members either in the form of Little Star Vouchers or any other photographs or samples of work that you would like to include. We use Tapestry online learning journeys, we will send home a letter in the next few weeks to tell you how you can access your child's learning journey.

Forest School

All of the children will be participating in Forest School and will also have continuous access to the outside area - whatever the weather. It would be great if you could provide your child with waterproof trousers and a coat as well as a pair of wellies that can be kept in school. Spare clothes are also useful if the children get muddy!

Topic Web

Please find attached this half term's topic web which gives you some information about what the children will be learning over the next six weeks.

We need your help!

We are collecting resources to make our outside learning area even more exciting! If you have any of these items we would love to make use of them!

- old pots and pans - for our mud kitchen and to make a musical wall
- utensils (spoons, whisks etc..) to make potions and recipes in the mud kitchen
- pipes, guttering, metal/plastic jugs, watering cans- to use in water play
- old sinks (metal or ceramic) or any other interesting objects to use as planters
- anything else you have that you think we could make use of!

Thank you for your support so far. We will be running a phonics workshop and a Forest School workshop this half term and will let you know the dates nearer the time.

The Foundation Stage Team

