



September 2019

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NL/RR/AUTUMN HALF TERM TOPIC/F

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We are happy that your children have settled so well and hope all our new starters enjoy life at school.

Our topic for this half term is 'Traditional Tales'. Throughout Foundation Stage, the children will be participating in activities such as making soup, linked to the story of The Enormous Turnip, making gingerbread men, tasting porridge and learning about popular fairy tales.

Please can we remind you that £2 baking money for the half term is now due. This will help us to provide ingredients for our baking, making playdough and other curriculum enrichments.

**NAMING BELONGINGS** - Nursery and Reception

Please ensure that you name all your child's clothes, including shoes, bags, coats, hats, gloves and lunch boxes. The children find it distressing when they cannot find their things. Please ensure that PE kits, shoes etc. still fit your child after the summer.

**OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT** – Nursery and Reception

Please can we remind you that children **MUST NOT** play on the outdoor equipment in the Reception and Nursery playgrounds before or after school.

**FREE FLOW INFORMATION**

We love to celebrate success and encourage you to do so too. Please may we remind you that Free Flow is available for you to upload any first time achievements or milestones they reach at home, eg learning to ride a bike without stabilisers, walking all the way up Highcliffe without needing a carry or sleeping right through the night in their own bed. If you have not yet been able to access Freeflow please speak to a member of staff.

**MEDICATION** – Nursery and Reception

If your child requires any medicine to be kept on the school site, please make sure it is clearly labelled and inform the class teacher. It should be logged at the school office along with written authorisation, including information about the dosage required and timings. We are only allowed to administer medication prescribed by a doctor.

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**TOYS AT SCHOOL** – Nursery and Reception

As in Nursery, the children in Reception are not encouraged to bring in toys from home. This is due to a number of children getting upset when they go missing.

**MOBILE PHONE USE**

Please may we remind you that we are a mobile phone free site. Should you need to make a call during school pick up/drop off times, please exit via the gate to do so.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6 children  
Monday 21st October &  
Wednesday 23rd October - Parents evenings for Reception, KS1 & KS2  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Break up for half term  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Return to school

If you have any concerns at any time please speak to a member of staff at the end of a session and we would be happy to talk to you then.

Yours sincerely

MRS LYNAS, MRS HUGILL & MISS KEATLEY  
FOUNDATION STAGE STAFF