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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 'Marvellous Me'. Throughout Foundation Stage, the children will be participating in lots of activities linked to themselves, growing up and their families.

HOUSEKEEPING - Nursery and Reception

Please can we remind you that children (including siblings) **MUST NOT** play on the outdoor equipment in the Reception and Nursery playgrounds before or after school. We would also like to remind you that we would like the children to enter the classrooms on their own to promote independence. Should you wish to speak to a member of staff, feel free to stay behind to speak to someone at the beginning or end of the day.

NAMING BELONGINGS - Nursery and Reception

Please ensure that you name all your child's clothes, including shoes, bags, coats, hats, gloves and lunch boxes etc. The children find it distressing when they cannot find their things and already we have a growing collection of lost property. Please ensure that PE kits, shoes etc. still fit your child after the summer and again that everything in their kit is named.

FREE FLOW INFORMATION - Nursery and Reception

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. We will also use this communication method to send out messages and important information, so don't forget to sign up if you haven't already.

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.

PE - Nursery and Reception

The children in Nursery will be taking part in PE sessions each Friday morning or Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that your child brings their kits to school on this day, and ensure that it is taken home again at the end of the session. We would also encourage you to dress your child in something that is easy for them to take on and off independently - we do not recommend shoes with laces.

The children in Reception will do PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. PE kits for Reception children will be kept in school until the end of each half term. A separate letter went out outlining what is required for this. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th September - Parents meeting for Nursery starters
17th & 19th October - Parents evening for Reception, KS1 & KS2
21st October - HALF TERM
2nd & 5th December - PD Days (School Closed)
7th December - Reception Nativity Performance for parents

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lynas, Mrs Hugill, Miss Keatley & Miss Mallett

FOUNDATION STAGE TEACHING STAFF

