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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful start to the term. The children have settled in beautifully and are already becoming familiar with new routines, growing in confidence, and feeling increasingly at ease in the classroom and with the adults.

We would like to remind you of some key information shared in July:

- From Monday 7 September onwards, children attend full school days (8.40am – 3.20pm).
- During the first few weeks, the children will use a separate playground at lunchtime while they become familiar with school routines. OPAL lunchtimes will be introduced once they are settled and Year 5 buddies have been established.

To help make the classroom feel homely and comforting during the first half term, we kindly ask each family to send in a framed photo of your child with members of their family or people who are important to them. These will be displayed around the classroom to support children in feeling secure and will provide meaningful opportunities for them to talk about the special people in their lives.

Forest School will begin in the second half of the Autumn Term and will take place every Friday. Children will wear their PE kit on Forest School days. As children must wear long trousers and long sleeves during Forest School, please ensure they are dressed appropriately in black jogging bottoms and a PE top, with a long-sleeved top underneath.

Please also provide a puddle suit and wellies. Wellies can remain on the welly rack, and puddle suits can stay on their pegs throughout the year.

Stay and Play sessions will take place during the week commencing Monday 7 September. These will run every Tuesday from 8.40–9.00am. These sessions offer valuable time for you to explore the environment with your child and play alongside them. Attendance is not compulsory, and we understand that many parents have work commitments.

A reminder to please sign up to Google Classroom if you have not already done so. If you experience any difficulties signing in, please get in touch and we can provide your child's login details.

Please also ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled, including cardigans, jumpers, coats, shoes, puddle suits, water bottles and lunch boxes. Clear labelling is especially important at this age, as many children are still learning to recognise and manage their own items, and it helps us quickly reunite misplaced belongings.

Kind regards

The Foundation Stage Team