Autumn Newsletter to Nursery Parents

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We warmly welcome all our Nursery parents, old and new to Raglan Primary School. We hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are ready to come on this exciting learning journey with us. We are looking forward to getting to know your child really well over the coming weeks. We would just like to remind you that if you do need to chat to us or ask a question, please do always come and see us. Below is a little reminder of our team here at Raglan.

Our Team…



Mrs Brelsford

Nursery Lead



Miss Morgan

Nursery Practitioner



Miss Cray

Nursery Practitioner



Mrs Marney

Nursery Practitioner

(Monday and Tuesday)



Miss Laing

Nursery Midday support

This term ….



This term, we will be focusing on being happy to wave goodbye to our grown-ups and becoming settled and familiar with the Nursery surroundings. We will be learning our friends' names and the Nursery routines, such as carpet time, lunch time and home time, with the use of our visual timetable. We will be learning how to play, share and take turns with the resources on offer. We will also be focusing on our self-help skills by using the toilet independently and taking our coats on and off by ourselves.

We will also be learning our Nursery classroom rules and fire drill procedures.

There are a lot of new experiences! Each week the children will be introduced to a book, shape, number, word and Makaton sign and will be using Concept cat to help with our learning. Please look out for details of these on our Nursery noticeboard.

As a team we are getting to know your children and learning all about what they like to do and their personal interests.

Chipmunk Reminders…

Please ensure that **all items at Nursery are clearly named** and ensure your child brings a **named water bottle daily.** A range of healthy snacks will be provided by the Nursery team every session.

Please could your child bring in a coat to school, as they will be going outside every day. Practising how to do it up and take it off at home would be very much appreciated.

Children have continuous access to the outdoor area throughout the year. It is essential that your child wears appropriate clothing according to the weather and shoes with Velcro fastenings is preferable. The children will have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills.

We will be making our own Family Book which, when finished, will be in our book corner for the children to look at. **Please could you send in a family photo that we can put in our book** or allow us to photocopy the original and we will return the original home. This is a great opportunity to develop your child's communication and language skills.

Phonics and Nursery Rhymes

This term the children will be focusing on Phonics Unlocking Letters and sounds phase 1. Children will be tuning into sounds, listening to the sounds around in them in their everyday environment. They will be developing their speaking, listening and attention skills.

Children will learn a nursery rhyme each week. This term we will be focusing on Heads, shoulders, knees and toes and Tommy Thumb. Please see the Nursery noticeboard and encourage your child to practise at home.



Important Dates

Friday 18th September - Nursery Parents and Carers' Coffee Morning 9am-10am

Thursday 24th September – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 22nd- Friday 27th September - PE Café

Tuesday 13th October Nursery Parents Evening – details to follow

October – Black History Month

Half Term

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October

How can you help at home?

We would be grateful if you could **donate £2** for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play. If you are able to do this, please put donations in a named envelope – thank you for your support. We would also be grateful for boxes of tissues to help with runny nose season which will be upon us.

Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards up to 5 and beyond. This can be done in many fun and exciting ways e.g. counting fruit in the supermarket or how many cars or buses they see as they walk to Nursery!

Please read stories regularly with your child and talk about what has happened in the book.

Keyworker

Your child will have one of the Nursery team staff as their keyworker in Nursery. The keyworker's duties are:

- To build a good relationship with your child, to assist with their settling in period.
- To learn and enhance your child's interests through play.
- To assess your child following the EYFS Framework.
- To discuss your child's learning journal and development with you at parent meetings twice a year.
- To be your first point of contact if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Star of the Week and our Recognition Board at Raglan…

Our aim is for everyone to have a great time learning at Raglan, being kind, ready for learning and keeping each other safe. Children have the opportunity for their names to go on the Recognition Board for making good choices and doing their best with their learning.

They are then rewarded with a sticker at the end of the day.

Every week a child will be picked as 'Star of the Week', which they feel is a great honour! The Star of the Week will be allowed to take home the class Chipmunk named Chip and Pin to look after at the weekend. You and your child may wish to write, take photographs or draw pictures of their adventures. Due to data protection, we will send your child home with a plastic wallet with pieces of paper to share their weekend. This will then be stuck into the class Star of the Week Book.





Please remember to send in your WOW moments!

When your child accomplishes something at home, we would love to hear about it, whether it is making their bed, trying new foods, starting a new activity, using their manners or recognising numbers in their environment. Please fill in a 'Wow sheet' found in children's book bags and give to a member of staff. These will be shared at carpet time and place on our "WOW" wall.