

The reception team would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for a fantastic start to the year. The children have all settled really well and we are very excited about beginning their learning journey.

### **Weekly Newsletter**

Each Friday you will receive the class newsletter. The newsletter will include an outline of what the children have been learning and how you can further consolidate / extend this at home. It is great when the children bring in their work to share with the class. This can also include annotated photographs. The newsletter will also include dates and information about trips, forest school and holidays.

### **'All About Me' book**

During literacy we have focussed on our feelings regarding the start of school. To further explore this, we would like the children to create an 'All About Me' book. This can include:

- My face (hair colour, eye colour)
- My family
- My home
- My favourite toy
- My favourite food

If children could discuss their book with an adult, but create it independently. Please spend time completing your book with your child and make it as special as possible. It can include drawings by the children, photographs and annotation of your child's descriptions. Children will then be asked to share their book during show and tell. Could all books be brought to school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Friday Cooking**

Each Friday the children will prepare toast or participate in a cooking activity. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week towards the cost of ingredients. This can be put in a pot at the front of the class.

### **Guinea Pigs**

Within Early Years we have two wonderful guinea pigs, Snowy Scruffy and Darth Vader. If you would like to take them home for the weekend please sign the Guinea Pig rota which will be on the back of the cloakroom door within the Garry classroom.

They must be kept inside and we will provide you with the hay, food and straw.

### **Classroom Essentials**

Please remember to provide your children with wellies, full change of clothes, water bottle and labelled waterproof coat.

### **Dates**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Garry class (Mrs Stowe) to attend Forest School

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Darling class (Miss Woods) to attend Forest School

Please speak to the class teacher if you are able to attend Forest school with your child's class.

With kind regards, *Miss Woods, Mrs Stowe, Miss Robson, Mrs Wilkes, Miss Bishop*