



# **LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending the Welcome Meeting for the new reception children this evening.

Below are the key dates and information explained within the meeting. It is so vitally important we start working together to ensure your children receives the best possible provision. Please ring the office and let us know which of these sessions you are intending to attend – 01823 284912.

## School Readiness Sessions

To be held in the school hall.

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm - 3.00pm

## Stay and Play

An opportunity for adult and child to come into the classroom and get used to the surroundings. Please ring the school office to let us know that you'd like to attend.

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.30am-10.30am

## Key dates for starting school in September:

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Home Visits**

This is an excellent opportunity for us to meet you and your child at your home. We can share information, find out any worries and ask questions as well as get to know you and your child a little before the start of term. Please contact the office and we will book you in.

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - First session in school.**

If your child's birthday is between **September 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March**, please bring your child to the classroom for 9:00am. You will be met by a member of staff and you will be able to walk with your child to the classroom. As soon as they are settled, please leave them to play with their peers. They will be ready to be **collected at 11:15 from the Bircham Road front gate.**

If your child's birthday is between **1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August**, please bring your child to the classroom at 1:00pm. You will be met by a member of staff at Bircham Road front gate, and you will be able to walk with your child to the classroom. As soon as they are settled, please leave them to play with their peers. They will be ready to be **collected at 3:15 from the classroom** – following other parents who are all coming in to collect their own children.

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – First whole class morning sessions**

Please drop off your child at 8:40am at the classroom and collect at 11:30am – we will bring them to Bircham Road front gate - Please bring a water bottle.

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Second whole class morning session, including lunch**

Please drop off 8:40am at the classroom and collect at 1:00pm at the front gate – we will bring to Bircham Road front gate - Please bring a lunchbox or order a hot dinner (in September).

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – All Day**

Please drop off 8:40 at the classroom and then collect your child at 3:15pm from the classroom. Again, please bring a lunchbox or order a hot dinner (in September). **There will not be forest school today.**

### **From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Full time**

Please arrive at 8.40am and meet the teachers by the bike store. They become more independent remarkably quickly and enter the classroom already settled and ready to learn. We will walk them up together. It will take a little bit of time to get used to the routine but within a couple of days they will get used to saying goodbye to parents/carers near the gate and walking in to join their classmates.

**PE** – Please bring PE kits in a bag on a Thursday (white t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, trainers). Your child will change into their kit at school and then bring their uniform home in their bag. **Please name everything!**

**Forest School** – Every Friday. Children to come into school wearing old, warm clothes, waterproof coat and trainers. Wellies to be kept in school. This will start from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Adults collecting**

You must let us know if someone different is collecting your child by sending a Dojo message or calling the office.

### **Flexible Fridays**

For the first term, if you feel your child is really going to struggle due to tiredness please feel free to keep them at home on a Friday, but please let us know. In the same instance we will also let you know if your child is really tired on a Thursday and not coming in on the Friday would be more beneficial so they have a greater amount of time to recover for the next week.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their new uniform – they will look so smart and grown up! Logoed red jumper, white polo shirt, black or grey trousers/skirt and black school shoes. The South West School Wear Shop in East Reach stock our logoed jumpers. Supermarkets are also a great place to buy all other uniform. A book bag is really useful, purchased from the uniform shop or a small rucksack is needed.

**Please, please, please name everything.** It is really hard to return items of clothing if they are not named. Children find it really hard to find their jumpers especially when there are so many to choose from – all looking the same! We all try to reunite children with their clothing, but it is easier if it is named, including both shoes, please!

### **Toileting accidents**

For the first term, as children are getting used to the new routines and start to get very tired, they may regress slightly and have the odd accident. **This is normal and they will be supported if this happens.** Please could you include a spare pair of knickers/pants, trousers/skirt and socks/tights. Thank you.

### **Class Dojo and Family**

**Class Dojo** is an online messaging app which enable parents/carers and teachers to keep in touch. Key information and reminders will be listed on there as well as the ability for messages to be sent. **If you have an urgent message please call the office,** otherwise Class Dojo is a great way to share information.

**Family** is our online learning journey app which enables us to share photos, videos and comments about your child's experiences. You will be sent an email informing you of how to download and attach to your child's learning journey. We do enjoy seeing what children have been doing at home too! Homework activities will also be put onto here to reinforce the learning happening in class.

### **MCAS**

This is an online system in which you can order meals, pay for trips, book after/before school childcare (Starlyngs) and receive letters. We are a cashless school, so all payments are taken through MCAS. You will be sent a link to activate your account and this needs to be done within 24 hours of receiving the email.

### **Nursery**

If you are in need of childcare within the first week of September (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September) we are able to offer a few sessions within our nursery. These will be offered on a first come first served basis and will need to be paid for in advance.

If you have any questions or need any support relating to any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling the school office.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

With kind regards

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