

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

This weekend, we would like you to think about the sounds we have learnt so far (s,a,t,p). Can you spot any objects around your home or when you are out and about that start with these sounds? You could draw us a picture of what you find in your home school diary. Have fun!

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 8th September 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

What a great week we have had here in Foundation! The children have been extremely busy getting used to the new routines and it has been lovely to see them become more confident and comfortable in their new environment. All of the Foundation team are very impressed with how the children have managed the transition to a full-time timetable.

We have also been impressed by some of the children's confidence in attempting to come into school independently. If your child has not yet come into school independently, it is something we would like to encourage from next week. Mrs Hill and Mrs Jones will be on the gate each morning to welcome the children. If they feel a little unsure about this, finding a friend for them to walk into school with is also a great idea. Any important information that you need to share with us can be written in the diary or please speak to a member of staff on the gate. Alternatively, if you wish to speak to us at home time, please wait in the playground for the children to be dismissed and then we are always happy to chat.

We hope you have enjoyed receiving updates via the Marvellous Me app. In Foundation, we use our 'Pot of Gold' in class as a way of recognising children who are demonstrating our school values of courtesy, respect, friendship, determination, equality and compassion. The children can receive badges and also a 'thumbs up' from their teacher, so please look out for these on the app.

We have continued to learn the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' this week. Can your child recite some of this to you at home? Perhaps they can show you the actions we have added to the story too? The children have also been practising recognising and writing their own name and in Maths they have been learning to subitise – which is when you can look at a group of objects or images, such as dots, and know how many there are without counting them one by one.

In your child's book bag today, you will find a wallet containing flashcards of the sounds that we have been learning this week (s, a, t, p), for the children to practise recall with at home. They will hopefully be able to tell you each sound and the accompanying action that helps us remember it. You may also like to practise blending some simple words, as suggested on the word list we have included with the sounds. Phonics books will follow in the middle of next week. These will then be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so please let us know when you have read a book. (Even a tick next to the book name in the diary is sufficient. If there is no note or tick, we will assume you need to keep the book a little longer.)

We also hope you have enjoyed reading your child's sharing book with them this week and continue to do so over the weekend. If you have not already done so, we ask that you write a note in your child's home-school diary to let us know that the book has been read, so that we know to change it for a new one on Monday.

With the very changeable weather children are often taking their jumpers and coats on and off. Please could we ask that you practice doing this with your child, promoting independence as much as possible.

Finally, there have been some updated guidelines around how food is prepared for children under 5 in educational settings. Please see the following link for more details, particularly if your child is having a packed lunch from home.

https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Early%20Years%20Choking%20Hazards%20Table_English.pdf

Just a reminder:

- Please send your child to school with a water bottle every day. The children are able to help themselves to these when they need to, as well as being encouraged to have a drink at various points throughout the day.
- Could we please ask that children have a jumper/cardigan and coat with them each day. We like to get outside as much as possible and that sometimes means staying out in a little bit of rain, so coats will be needed!
- When your child is being dismissed at the end of the day, please only wave at them if they are at the front of the line and waiting to be dismissed, as it can be confusing when many parents are waving at once.
- PE lessons will start next week and take place on Monday and Friday. Children come into school in their PE kits on these days. Please consider that we will be outside for PE, so children will still need a jumper with them.

Dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 24th September, 5.30pm** - Parent Phonics Workshop

Have a lovely weekend and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask, either by writing in the home-school diary, chatting to us at the end of the day, or calling the school office.

