

AUTUMN TERM 2019



# Foundation Stage Magical me.... People who help us



## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to this year's Christopher Pickering Foundation Stage families. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and the children are excited to continue or start on their school journey with us. Staff have been working extremely hard to get our fabulous unit ready for the children, some of you may notice some big changes, which we believe will benefit the children this term. In our Foundation Stage, we aim to create a happy, caring and stimulating learning environment where children can begin to take their first steps towards independence and being ready to learn.

Whilst the emphasis during the first few weeks is on developing the children's confidence, independence and self-esteem we will also be focusing their attention on our topic 'Magical Me' where our focus will be 'People Who Help Us.'

## Curriculum Information

### Reading

In the next couple of weeks, F2 children will be coming home with a reading book. Please make sure your child brings it into school and puts it in the reading basket above their class trays, on their reading day, when the children will read with Mrs Hoskin. We ask that you read at home with your child 3 times a week. Reading may not include words at this stage, just sharing a book together, talking about the pictures, telling stories from these and getting familiar with the characters.

Mrs Silverwood's Class – Thursday

Mrs Wilkinson's Class – Monday

### Phoneme Recognition/ Key words

In the next couple of weeks, children in F2 will also be coming home with phonemes and then key words. It will be beneficial to the children if you could help them become familiar with these at home. Key words will take place with Mrs Wilkinson on a Friday.

## **PE**

All children will take part in PE on a **Tuesday**. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts, sandshoes or trainers.

F2 - Please remember to label all of your children's clothing and remember to practice getting changed at home. PE kits should be left in school until October half term.

F1 - Children can come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday, sports trousers and a jumper can be worn over the PE kit on colder days.

## **Dates**

<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>	'People Who Help Us' Wow dress up day
<b>Friday 20th September</b>	Flex Dance Day (F2 only)
<b>Friday 27th September</b>	Children inviting parents to school for our MacMillan Coffee afternoon
<b>Monday 7th October</b>	Hull Fair week and dress up day
<b>Monday 14th October</b>	Parents evening 3:30- 5:45pm
<b>Tuesday 15th October</b>	Parents evening 3:30- 5:45pm
<b>Monday 21st October</b>	Harvest Festival
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Wednesday 13th November</b>	Individual photos
<b>Friday 15th November</b>	Children in need
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Nativity to parents am and pm
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Parents invited in for Christmas Crafts
<b>Friday 13th December</b>	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	FS Christmas party
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	Children break up for Christmas

## **General**

### **Beginning and end of the school day**

Please make sure that younger children are with you at all times. The outdoor play equipment **should not be used** before or after school.

F2 parents now need to say goodbye to their children in the cloakroom area/ winter garden until all children are in full time. Once children are in full time on 16th September, children are to come into the winter garden on their own to get ready.

F1/nursery parents can take their children to their carpet areas. The F1 children are in two groups now. One carpet is the 'squirrels' group and the other is the 'hedgehogs.'

A member of staff will always be available to pass any messages on to class teachers in a morning and a class teacher will be available once the children have left to speak with parents or arrange a convenient meeting time.

### **Prams**

We request that you do not bring prams into the winter garden as it causes too much congestion for the children.

We appreciate your cooperation with this to ensure the safety of all of our children and families.

### **Breakfast club**

F2 children have the opportunity to attend breakfast club from 8am each morning, which costs £1. We also have an after school club for F2, which is until 5:30pm and costs £6. If you would like your child to attend, please see Mrs George in the office for a booking form.

### **Outdoor Play**

Can we ask you all to send your child in a suitable warm, waterproof coat that is clearly labelled, as we will be outdoors come rain or shine. Sensible shoes are also necessary for outdoor play; these also need to be labelled.

### **Sandshoes**

All children need sandshoes to wear when inside school.

### **Snack & Baking Plea**

Please could we ask you for a voluntary contribution of 50p a week to enable us to bake and taste a variety of foods with your children. It also helps us to subsidise the children's daily snack. Each class has a moneybox and tick sheet situated above their trays.

