



**New Beginnings - 2017**

As your child is now ready to move into their next year group, we thought that you might want to have a little information to help to prepare both you and them for an exciting and settled start to the Autumn Term in September. We hope that you will find this helpful and informative.

- Your new team are: Mrs Pickford (English lead), Mrs Walton (mathematics lead), Miss Grove (TA), Miss Gill (part-time English and mathematics).
- Please ensure that every item of clothing is named and that bags are too.
- We would prefer it if children bring their reading books in a school book bag as opposed to a big rucksack, as our cloak room is small and fitting in coats and PE bags and then other bags is really difficult. School book bags can be kept safely in children's drawers.
- Named water bottles (clear ones please) can be carried in and then they are stored in boxes in the classroom.
- Remember to bring your named PE kit (see Prospectus), wellies and reading book in on the first day back.
- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday (outdoors) and Wednesday (indoors).
- Spelling and maths challenges are on the website for you to practise.
- Maths challenges will be on Fridays, spelling challenge dates will be on the half termly newsletters.
- Reading books will be changed at least once per week and your child will also bring a library book home to read.
- Education City home learning will usually be set every two weeks.
- Year 1 leave school via the doors outside Reception corridor. Please wait for them outside of this area on the main playground, behind the yellow semi-circle. Staff will release children one by one until we become more familiar with parents and carers.
- Please let the office or a member of the Senior Team (on the gate) know if someone different is picking your child up-their safety at all times is most important to us.
- When dropping off your child in the morning, you must accompany your child to the top gate as we cannot take responsibility for them until they come through the gate where a member of the Senior Team will be on duty.

**Summer Home Learning**

As our main author focus will be Julia Donaldson in Autumn, we would like your child to create a picture of a character from one of the author's stories. It can be created however you choose, (e.g. a painting, a collage etc) and brought in by the end of the first week back.

We would also like your child to practise reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 20. Also to practise one more and one less up to 20.

**Dates for diaries**

5<sup>th</sup> September - children return to school.

12<sup>th</sup> September - Y1,2,3 drop in for your child to show you their new classroom and meet staff - 3-4pm.

13<sup>th</sup> September - Roald Dahl Dress-up Day fundraiser.

**Theme: an animal from a Roald Dahl book or poem.**

28<sup>th</sup> September - school photograph day

1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Fayre - 3pm

7<sup>th</sup> December-Y1/2 Christmas Play-Y1 **parents**-9.15am

8<sup>th</sup> December-Y1/2 Christmas Play-Y2 **parents**- 9.15am

**Believe it, Achieve it!**