



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have a lovely Easter and return ready for the final term – Summer! Our class page on the website has been updated. Should you need anything or have any questions, please come and see us after school once the children have been released. We are always more than welcome to assist in any way that we can.

- **Things to be brought into school**

A book bag with your child's reading book, labelled water bottle, plain and labelled PE kit in a drawstring bag to be kept in school, labelled wellies, a coat, a packed lunch if that is your lunch choice for your child at lunch times and a spare set of clothes for your child to change into in case they have any accidents during the day. As we will be approaching the Summer term, it is very important that children come to school with a water bottle. We will refill it for the children if needed throughout the day.

- **PE –Tuesday morning**

Our PE day will remain on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure jewellery is taken off beforehand and PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/leggings and plimsoles in a drawstring bag.

- **Bikeability – Thursday afternoon**

We have started Bikeability with all children in EYFS which is hugely beneficial as it develops balance and control of movements, develops motor skills and co-ordination, promotes physical activity, builds muscle and body strength and develops an awareness of the body and surroundings. The children have made amazing progress already in 2 sessions and have become more confident with their bikes! We hope to continue with this every Thursday afternoon with 20-30 minute sessions.

- **Spare clothes**

If you have not already, please provide us with a spare set of clothes in case your child has any toilet accidents during the day.

- **Reading**

It is really important that reading continues daily in EYFS. The children have now learnt a majority of all the sounds they need to know, and we are constantly, building, reading and writing a variety of words. Please continue to keep up with reading at least 3 times a week. Please continue to help your child to speak in full sentences when describing and discussing the pages and support your child to 'say the sounds and read the word' when word books have been given. Any time you have read with your child, please date, sign and write a comment in the diary which we will then check. They do not have to finish the book in 1 day. They could read 1 page on one evening, 2 pages another evening and back to 1 page on the third evening. We will move your child's face on our reading chart every time you hear them read at home. If your child has read 3 or more times in a week, they will receive 1 house point on their sticker chart. We also advise that your child reads their book twice, in order to develop fluency and practise answering questions as part of reading comprehension. We will hear all children read during the week.

- **Parent planting workshop – Tuesday 29th April 2025**

On Tuesday 29th April at 2.45pm, we are welcoming a parent/carer to help their child to plant a bean as part of their learning! The children would have learnt about instructions to plant a bean, explored beans and seeds and practised the steps with myself beforehand. Please make your way to the silver gate, sign in when you get to the classroom, collect your child and make way to the planting area either set up inside our outside for the afternoon. Once you have planted your bean, don't forget to have a picture taken and then you can help your child with their belongings to go home after signing out.

- **Girls football session – Thursday 8th May**

On Thursday 8th May, Miss Cheyney has arranged for coaches from Houghton Rangers to visit and hold a football session for girls. Our session will be for half an hour for all the girls in EYFS.

- **Tapestry**

Please make sure you are checking Tapestry regularly as the children have shown some amazing independent work over the last few months! If you have any problems please come and see me.

- **School trip date – Friday 20th June 2025**

Our school trip has been booked for the date of Friday 20th June 2025 to Manor Farm in East Leake. Please put this date in your diaries and ensure payment has been made in good time on Arbor. If you need any assistance with payments, please see the school office.

As mentioned before, if there is anything you are unsure about or have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day once the children are released. We are very proud of all the children and look forward to the last few months with them. Thank you for your continued support to give the best possible opportunities and experiences for your children!

Kind Regards,

The EYFS Team