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Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would want them to do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to a new year at Ann Edwards! We really enjoyed welcoming your children last week and would like to thank you for your support with their smooth transition into school in their temporary classroom.

Our topic this term is called 'Super me and helpful heroes!' and we will be focussing on helping the children settle into their new school routines and making new friendships. We will establish two registration groups which will be called Apple and Acer groups. The children will go to their registration groups in the mornings and at the end of the day, but will be together when doing their 'free flow' continuous provision activities and will be in fluid groups for various curriculum learning. We will let you know which registration group your child is in at the end of next week.



ClassDojo

Thank you for signing up to ClassDojo. We will be posting important messages on ClassDojo please check the class pages daily as well as the school story. Please be aware that teachers do not have time to check parent messages during the day so any important messages such as ones regarding pick up/drop off need to be through the school office.

PE and Forest School

EYFS will have PE and Forest School on Fridays. Please could the children come to school in jogging bottoms/leggings and PE t-shirt and sweatshirt and outdoor trainers. They will need forest school waterproofs and wellies to put on in the afternoon. They will need to have black daps to change into for any indoor hall PE times. They can keep these in their drawers in the classroom. **Please ensure all items of clothing are named,** including shoes. Also, if your child has their ears



pierced and cannot remove them independently for PE then they need to have plastic safety backs on them.

Phonics

We have invested in a new phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds for this year which is very exciting! We have also bought a whole new set of books linked to the phonics phases so please ensure these books are well looked after. We will hold an early learning workshop in the Autumn term where will talk about phonics, early writing and maths learning.

Reading Books

Children will be given a new purple book bag in a couple of weeks. They need to bring the bag in to school every day.

Pupils who regularly read at home and school make considerably more progress in reading and this also has a significant impact on their writing skills and overall vocabulary. Please support the school by hearing your child read each night or a minimum of four evenings a week to enable them to share books and achieve their reading certificates. This term we will be encouraging the children to achieve their award for **25 reads**. The children receive a prize and a sticker for every 25 reads recorded in their reading diaries.

The children will be given 1 new book a week that is matched to their phonic level which means it is fully decodable to them. The book will contain sounds that they are learning that week within their phonics lesson. Alongside this, they will receive 1 book that they have chosen to read that is phonetically decodable but they may need some help with the trickier words and they will also be allocated online books on Oxford Owl. We will be putting their log in details in their yellow reading diary. They will also get to choose a library book for you to read with them per week, they can change these books on a Friday. Online books count as a read so please record them in their reading diary.



Class soft toy 'pets'

Our class 'pets' will be choosing children to take them home each weekend for some adventures! They are looking forward to visiting you.



Reminders

- Children need a named water bottle in school daily and do not put them in book bags as they can leak and ruin books.
- Children do not need to bring in snacks because we have fruit in school. If they would like to bring in some fruit then that is suitable, please remember we are a **no citrus** school.
- Children need to bring in named coats and jumpers as the weather gets chillier. This is to prepare for if the weather changes during the day!
- Children will also need a pair of named wellingtons in school so that they can go onto the field when it is wet.

Please feel free to speak to us at any time should you have a query or would like to find out more about the activities we are planning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Connolly, Mrs Horne, Mrs Pink and Mrs Daffern ☺