



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Reception at Eastbrook Primary Academy. We hope your child is enjoying the beginning of their learning journey with us! We have been very impressed with the way all of the children have settled into school. We will be sending out an EYFS newsletter each half term to provide you with a range of information specific to early years. Whole school newsletters are also sent out every fortnight, via the school website, so please keep an eye out for those at www.eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk

Book Bags

We have sent home a plastic wallet containing a reading book for you to share with your child and a yellow 'Reading Diary'. This is for you to write your comments in, or even just the title of a book you have shared, and your name. Please keep the books in the plastic wallet within the book bag and bring them back into school once you have shared it so that another book can be sent home. The books will be changed every week.

In the next couple of weeks we will also begin sending home phonic friendly reading books for your child to try and read to you.

Green 'Just Write' books will be sent home for your child to use as they wish. These are purely for experimenting with mark making and writing and will be looked at but not formally marked.

The purple 'Phonics' workbooks will be sent home after your child's first phonics session next week. Please practise saying, reading and writing the sounds or word lists that are given. The phonic books will need to be in school every day so we can provide new sounds and word lists when your child is ready for the next set.

Topic

This term's topic is called '*Magical, Marvellous Me*'. There will be a big focus on getting to know each other. We will learn who we are as individuals and how we all share responsibility for upholding the school's Community and Learning values.

Important Dates- "6 weeks in meeting"

Parents and Carers are invited to join us for a coffee morning on Thursday 18th October. We will be discussing various ways that you can help to enhance your child's learning experience at home. You will then be invited in on a separate afternoon to view your child's learning, in the form of a Book Look.

PE	Tuesdays
Macmillan coffee morning	Friday 28 th September
Six weeks in meeting	Thursday 18 th October
Fire work night	Friday 2 nd November
Special book look	RMP Wednesday 7 th November 2.30-2.55 REB Thursday 8 th November 2.30-2.55

Additional Staff in EYFS

We feel it is important to tell you about some of the teachers who will be working with your children every week. All teaching staff are entitled to time for preparation and planning, as well as time to carry out any leadership responsibilities. The way our school likes to do this is by having experienced teachers, familiar with Eastbrook, covering these times for the class teachers. Additional staff in Reception are;

RMP	Miss Nelson - Tuesday am and Wednesday pm.
REB	Mrs Groves - Wednesday pm

Reminders

We would just like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few important things. Please could we work together to encourage the children to come in on their own in the mornings. We hope this will help children to become more independent at the start of school.

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school ready for each weekly PE Lesson. We also ask that your child brings in a water bottle every day, this must contain water - no flavoured drinks.

Thank you for your patience whilst we send the children home at the end of the day. It is important that we get to know the adults collecting each child.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years team. Although we may not always be able to speak to you in depth at the beginning or end of the day, you can make an appointment to see any member of the EYFS teaching staff after school to discuss any concerns/suggestions you may have.

Warm Regards,

The Early Years Team