

4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Nursery Apple Class! The children have all had an amazing start to the school year.

We are delighted with how quickly they are settling in and we are looking forward to getting to know them and to helping them grow and learn over the coming months.

Urgent Messages

If you have a message that a member of staff needs to know about for your child that particular day please ring the **school office**. Non urgent messages can be sent via Tapestry on an 'observation' but we might not have time to read Tapestry messages or emails during the day. Thank you.

Pick ups

Please can you fill in the grid sent home with your child today to let us know who is collecting your child so we have a record of it to put in our files. Please hand your grid to a member of staff ASAP.

Tapestry

We are really enjoying using Tapestry for our online learning journals and we hope you are too. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we work through a few teething problems! Make sure you have changed your notification setting to 'immediate' if you want to see photos and observations as soon as they are posted, otherwise you will just get a daily summary. It is a good idea to get into the habit to check in daily on Tapestry to check on Memos and information that is posted.

Water bottles

Please name and decorate it for easy identification and bring to school daily filled with **water**. Fruit drinks are not permitted throughout the day, but if your child is having a packed lunch they will need a separate drink in their lunchbox, and this can be a carton of fruit juice or squash.

Clothing

Please remember to name all school uniform including coats and shoes. Please can you provide your child with a pair of named wellies which can be kept in school by their coat peg (please send them in as soon as you have them). These are essential for enabling pupils to access outdoor learning, especially in puddles or the mud kitchen. Please also remember that your child will need a coat **every day** for outdoor learning.

Cookery

Unfortunately we can't do cooking due to Covid restrictions. We will let you know when this can resume

Lunches

If your child is bringing in a packed lunch then please make sure that their name is on the outside of their lunch bag. Also please make sure that any containers inside are named and please cut up smaller items, such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives (please halve them because they are a serious choking hazard). Please also remember to put in a spoon from home if your child has a yogurt.

Toys from home

Please encourage your child not to bring in toys from home. Toys and personal belongings may get lost or broken and can cause considerable upset to the child (and parent!)

Birthdays

It is always special to celebrate your birthday at school. Please see the note on the school newsletter about sweets. We will still celebrate in class with a photo posted on Tapestry!

Child Focus Week

We will start this in the next few weeks and you will receive a letter informing you when it is your child's turn. We will be doing Parent Meetings a little differently as we cannot meet you in person at the moment, we will arrange a virtual online meeting and details of this will be on the child focus letter.

And finally...

As firm believers of the importance of good home-school links we encourage you to talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

With best wishes from the Nursery Apple Tree Team

Ms Burnett, Mrs Howlett and Mrs Heritage