

Family Unit's

Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year! Staff are looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces in the Family Unit! We would like to welcome Jane Myers as a new member of our team; she is covering Ruth Douglas' maternity leave and is looking forward to getting to know the children and their parents/carers.

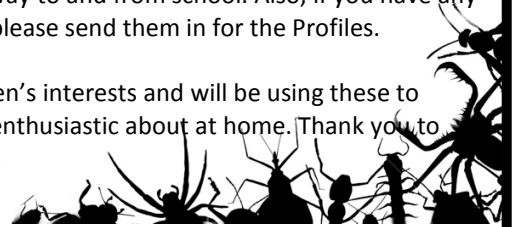
We would like to give a warm welcome to the children who are beginning to stay full time in the Family Unit. We are sure they will feel very safe and happy. Although they may be very tired in the first few weeks, we are certain they will enjoy their time here!

What's at the bottom of the garden?

This is the title of our new topic. If you have any books or interesting facts about minibeasts it would be great to share these with the children. Children love to tell us what they have been seeing at home or on their way to and from school. Also, if you have any photos of your child investigating minibeasts or anything else at home or on holiday, please send them in for the Profiles.

Although our main topic is looking at minibeasts, we will continue to follow the children's interests and will be using these to personalise their learning. As always please let us know of anything that your child is enthusiastic about at home. Thank you to those of you who have given us photos and observations to add to your child's profile.

You will find the observation postbox on the 'Question of the day' table.



PE

We ask for PE kits to be in school every day so please bring them in on a Monday and keep them in school until Friday. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit: navy shorts, white T-shirt and trainers. One session will be outdoors so please make sure warm clothing is provided.

Help at home

Please make sure your child is well rested ready for the fun packed day ahead.

Please continue to read/share a book with your child, whether this is the reading book/library book they have from school or books you share with your child at home.

Your child will continue to have the opportunity to change his/her library book daily. This is available to ALL children in the Family Unit. Please write the book title you have chosen in the file under your child's name.

Penny Pledge

Every Friday we offer each child a biscuit as a treat to eat along with their fruit at 'snack and chat' time. This helps the children understand the importance of eating fruit but also the importance of having a treat occasionally! In order to fund special treats such as this, as well as allowing us the opportunity to put extra funds towards activities we do and resources we buy throughout the year based on your child's interests, we would like to ask for donations of spare change you may have which you would like to contribute. There will be a 'Mickey' moneybox available and we would really appreciate any contributions you feel able to make. We will put it all to good use!

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th September – Harvest Festival

October 17/18th – Parents' Evenings

Monday 8th October – Individual and family photos. (Afternoon nursery children please take note of this date as photos do usually take place in the morning)

A letter about the school trips planned for this year will follow shortly. Please keep your eye on the notice board for updates and more information on these events nearer the time.

Thank you

The Family Unit Staff. (Gabi Mitchell, Lucy Gillatt, Jane Myers, Jean Potter, Anne Colman and Helen Walton)