



# Family Unit Newsletter



Autumn 1

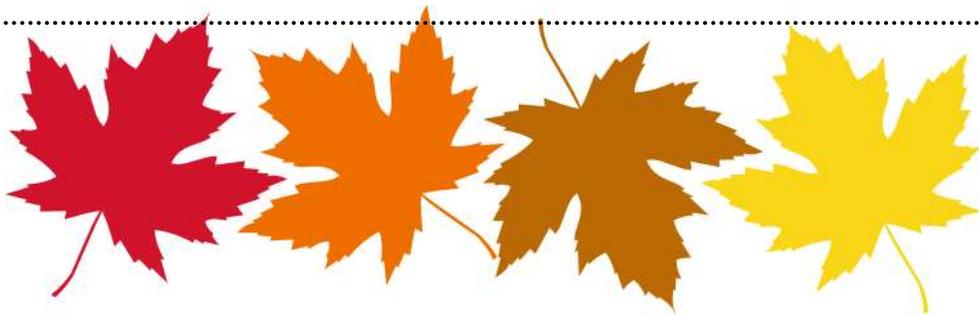
**WELCOME BACK!** We hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays and are excited to be back at school. A very special welcome to all our new starters and F2's who are starting full time, we're going to have so much fun!

**Who is this?** Our main topic this term begins with a focus on ourselves, sharing our likes and dislikes, exploring our senses, talking about our families, investigating what our bodies can do and exploring where we live.

**\*\*PLEASE CAN YOU BRING IN A BABY PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD FOR US TO ADD TO A CLASS BOOK (photos can be photocopied if you would like them returned)\*\***

We will also be learning through many mini topics that will be planned based on the children's interests throughout the term. We can't wait to find out what they would like to learn about.

As part of our history focus this half term, we will be looking at timelines, documenting our day at school as well as things like our daily routines of getting up or going to bed. As part of this, it would be great if all F2 and Y1 children could complete the time line on the reverse of the newsletter with you at home. The time covered in this is completely up to you but needs to be based on events at home so that we can engage the children in discussions about their home life and prompt them based on their individual timelines. This could therefore be a timeline since they were born, documenting significant events such as new siblings, holidays, starting nursery etc. or it could be a timeline of the summer holidays and activities they did each week. A minimum of four events on the timeline will provide a great basis for your child to talk about.



Date

Event

### Dates for your diary!

16<sup>th</sup> September FOM bun sale  
25<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival St Mary's (Time TBC)  
25<sup>th</sup> September F2 Parents Phonics Workshop 2.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> September TRAINING DAY  
4<sup>th</sup> October FOM table top sale  
15<sup>TH</sup> October Parents' Evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening (5pm - 8pm)  
21<sup>st</sup> October Janet Ahlberg Themed Day (fancy dress)  
23<sup>rd</sup> October Themed Week assembly for parents  
24<sup>th</sup> October TRAINING DAY  
HALF TERM

### PE KITS

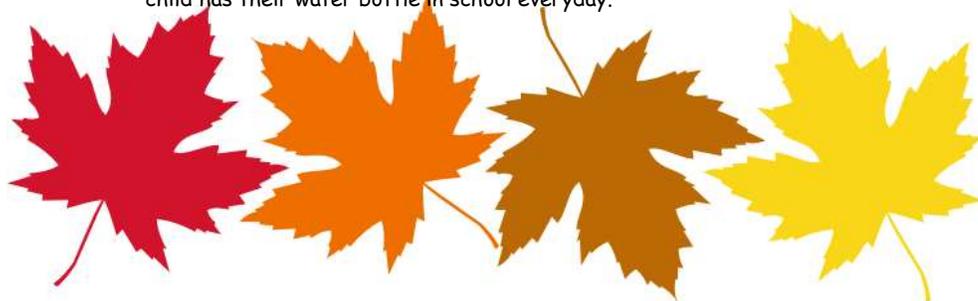
Please leave your child's PE kit in school all week so that they are able to participate in all sessions.

### Help at Home

- We hope that all children will develop a love of reading. Please help to support this at home by reading to and with your child every night if possible and please make use of our class library to borrow from our great selection of fiction and non-fiction books.
- Confidence in recognising and using numbers is very important for children in the Family Unit. Daily practice of counting and adding things in the world around them using their fingers to help will ensure your child is successful in gaining this confidence.

### A few reminders

- Please could you make sure that the children have appropriate outdoor wear, including sensible footwear. Having a coat in school every day means they will never miss out on our outdoor provision.
- We would be really grateful if you could send in any uniform your child may have grown out of, we have younger children starting and always need spare changes of clothes.
- As always, please send your child with spare changes of clothes because we have had to make more and more phone calls home and this leaves your child feeling very uncomfortable. **Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.**
- Finally, can we remind parents that only water is allowed in water bottles, but juice can be brought as part of their packed lunch. Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school everyday.



My Timeline