

# CURRICULUM MEETING

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DIAMOND (SHINE BRIGHT) CLASS

# STAFF

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# ROUTINES

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Doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am

Try to encourage your child to be as independent as possible when coming into school.

Children need to find their colour group for Busy Fingers activities once they have chosen their lunch.

End of the day is 3.15pm.

If your child is being collected by somebody else, please ensure you have contacted the office so that they can be added to the collection list.

# CURRICULUM IN THE AUTUMN TERM

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- Since the beginning of term we have been learning about ourselves and our families. We have shared our All About Me boxes and have been getting to know our new environments and routines.
- As part of our whole school theme this half term we will be learning about The Forest. We will look at the seasonal changes that are occurring and explore books including We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Gruffalo and Leaf Man. We will spend lots of time exploring the outside environment...so don't forget to bring some wellies in!
- After half term our learning will be based around picture books-There's a Dragon in My Book, There's a Monster in My Book and There's an Alien in My Book.

# VISITS AND VISITORS IN THE AUTUMN TERM

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- We always welcome parent visitors who can help bring our learning to life. Can you send in any signs of Autumn from your garden? Do you have any reptiles as pets?
- As part of our Forest theme we are creating a sensory garden. Do we have any gardening experts? If you have the time to help, please let us know. We would also welcome any plants or herbs that you can donate.
- In December we will have a visiting pantomime performance. Date TBC.

# HOME LEARNING

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- Phonic sound cards will be sent home every Friday. Please use these to reinforce the week's learning.
- Reading books will be sent home in two weeks time. Information will be given then about changing books. Please read with your child every day. Don't forget to read stories to your children as well as hearing them read.
- Every few weeks you will be sent a piece of Home Learning to have a go at together at home.

# UNDERSTANDING MATHS

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- Maths Fluency – a daily ten minute maths session used to enable children to gain a quick recall of mathematical facts, eg numbers, counting, shapes, days of the week.
- Parents invited to see in action and JOIN IN
- Open every day W/C 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Sessions run 9 – 9.15am
- Parents sign up to one session
- Book time off now if you can
- Limited spaces available in a crèche

# PHONICS

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- Daily phonics session. Children learn a new sound daily so please ensure your child is in school every day.
- We teach children the name of the letter and the sound that it makes.
- Phoneme-the sound letters make
- Grapheme-the visual representation
- Segment-breaking a word into it's individual sounds, eg c-a-t
- Blend-putting the sounds together to make a word
- Digraph-two letters that make one sound, eg sh
- Trigraph-three letters that make one sound, eg igh



# PE

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- Please have your PE kit in school every day.
- Children need shorts and a t shirt. They do not need any PE shoes. Hair must be tied back and earrings taped.
- Label everything!

# DON'T FORGET...

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We play outside whatever the weather. All children must have a pair of wellies which can be kept in school.

Please ensure children have a suitable coat for the weather.



# DATES

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Parent Coffee Mornings    Alternate weeks 9am or 5.30pm (repeated theme over two weeks)

See emails from the office

Parent Consultations    Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October (booking required)

School Closed / Half Term    Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> October

Maths Fluency Demos    Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November (booking required)

School Closed    Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

# DATES

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Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (wear a Christmas jumper)
Christmas Fair	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
EY Nativity	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 1.15pm
End of Term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

# ATTENDANCE

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- Busy and exciting term
- Don't miss a single day (if you can help it)!
- Changes to administering medication policy last year meaning your child can be given calpol in school with verbal permission

*For example, if your child has a temperature or sore throat in the morning but seems fine after calpol, send them into school. If they become unwell during the school day, we will call you and with your permission give them another dose to keep them going until the end of the school day. If they become really unwell, we will of course let you know.*

# TWITTER

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- See all the wonderful things we'll be learning about on Twitter.



# CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESSES

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# ANY QUESTIONS

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