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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow this first week has flown by. The children have settled in extremely well to school life, and we are all so proud of the way that they have taken new experiences in their stride. We have been getting to know your children really well by playing alongside them, encouraging them to try new activities, and making positive relationships with them. We have been reading stories, having fun with dough disco, practising our squiggle while you wiggle moves and lots of fine motor control activities. We have some very tired children in class today so I'm keeping my fingers crossed for you all that you get a lie in at the weekend!

The children have shown impeccable manners this week and we have been so proud of all the please and thank you's we've received. What amazing children you all have!

We have put this letter together with some important information about next week and the weeks going forward.

- On Mondays starting from next week, your child will be coming home with a 'tell me about' sticker on them. Please talk to your child about what is written on their sticker, and we will have small group discussions about this on Tuesday.
- On Fridays, Barnaby Bear (Blossom Class) and Billy Bear (Acorn Class) will be coming home with one of you from each class with their diaries! They love to spend time with their class members in their home. Your child can then draw pictures or write words and tell us all about their weekend. Please don't feel like you need to do anything special, the bears love to help around the house or go for a walk.
- Every Friday, a Reception newsletter will be sent out via Parent Pay detailing all the exciting things we have done in school that week, how you can help at home and important information for the following week. Please keep an eye out for them! These newsletters will also be uploaded onto the website under class pages. Every term, photos will also be uploaded onto this page too.
- A reminder that we are a healthy school, and so please bring in healthy snacks if you do decide to bring in a snack for your child. For example, fruit, vegetables, bread sticks, crackers, cheese are all great things to bring. No chocolate or crisps please. Please remember that we are a nut free school so no peanut butter or nuts.

- A login letter should have been sent to you regarding parent pay. This is how all communication is sent out so please see the office if you have not yet received one.
 - Please bring your child's PE kit to school and leave it here all term. Up until Christmas the children will be getting changed for PE at school. Blossom's PE day is Tuesday and Acorn's is Thursday.
- White T shirt
 - Black or navy jumper
 - Black or navy shorts
 - Trainers
- In Reception, we believe that it is so important to work as a team, with you and your wonderful children at the heart of everything we do. Below is a table outlining all the opportunities for you to visit the classroom and work alongside your children. Exact dates and timings will follow.

| Term: | Topic and curriculum enhancements: | Parental / Guardian Opportunities: |
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| 1 | Who am I? | Phonics Presentation – Come and find out more about our phonics scheme. Phonics Stay and Play – Join your child in class and watch how phonics is delivered. |
| 2 | Can you tell me a story? - We will be inviting parents into talk about their occupations. | Parents Evening. Story and Snack – Join your child at the end of the day to have a snack and listen to a story. |
| 3 | Around the world. - Around the world party. - We are also working on a trip to a restaurant but if anyone knows of a local restaurant that would invite the children into do some cooking (and eating, please get in touch. | Our Mystery Reader Starts – More details to follow but prepared to be excited! Stay and Play – Join your child for the morning to find out what happens in our morning sessions and play alongside your child. |
| 4 | How do we get around? - Trip to the fire station. | Mystery Reader. Parents Evening. |

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| | | Maths Open Afternoon Stay and Play – Come and join your child to work out the maths challenges. |
| 5 | <p>What is happening in our garden?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minibeast Lady into school. | <p>Mystery Reader.</p> <p>Stay and Play.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Water water everywhere!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip to the church and the library with Folly View Reception classes. | <p>Mystery Reader.</p> <p>Open Classroom - Come and look at your child's profiles.</p> |

Thank you so much for your support. Have a lovely weekend and I'll look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning, ready for whole days!

Shelley Howell and Keeley Boakes
 Reception Class Teacher and EYFS Lead