



A Pathway to Excellence

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## New Starters Welcome

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are excited for your child to start school. Thank you to those that came to the meeting last night, if you were unable to attend, I've put the PowerPoint onto the Class R page on the school website. Whether you have had a child start our school before, or are a new Waddesdon parent we hope that you have found us helpful and welcoming and feel you can come in and ask if you have any concerns or questions. Most of you have already met me, and hopefully you have also met my Teaching Assistants Mrs S, Mr Worrell and Miss Stainer. We are always around to answer any questions you may have.

The children are let in through the side gate in the morning, myself and/or a TA will be available during this time if you need to speak to us. In the outside classroom there will be a self-registration tree for the children to use. They can find their name and add it to the tree, to show us they are in school today. The children will then move into the classroom. In here there will be a member of staff to support them in finding their peg and putting their other belongings away.

The children will need; a book bag (not a rucsac please as we don't have the space to store these), lunch box if not having hot dinners, separate named water bottle, please only give your children water, coat (weather dependent) and P.E kit (which they wear to school on a Thursday). They are not allowed a pencil case – all stationery they require is provided for them by the school.

The children will be let out from the classroom door at the end of the day. We request that you remain on the playground and wave when you see your child. We can then easily ensure each child gets to their adult.

For the first few weeks we will be settling the children and getting to know them. Our first half term topic will be called 'All About Me' and you will have received a newsletter explaining what we will be doing under this topic. This is only a rough outline of what we will be doing and it may change as we go along because the topic will be determined by the interests and needs of the children.

I am sending home some post it notes today in your child's book bag. These are for you to record your child's achievements at home and share them with us at school. If you can write the date on them and then a sentence about what your child has achieved that would be really helpful. Then please give them to myself, the TAs, or ask your child to give them to one of us. We will then share and celebrate this achievement with the class before putting it onto their display board we have up in the classroom. We don't need a post-it a day just a few every now and then to help us appreciate everything your child is achieving at home!



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Next week we will be sending home a reading record and book. These will at first have no words in. We would like you to look through these books and discuss the pictures with your child. You could talk about who the characters are, what are they doing, why are they doing that etc... We will send out books with words as and when we have assessed the level of the children and we feel it is appropriate. Your child will be given a yellow reading record. Please record in here the date when you read, the book and any comment you would like to put.

I hope this letter has given you enough information to get us started in the school year and answers a few questions you may have had. Any queries, please get in touch.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Smith

