Freethorpe Preschool

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year from all of us in Robin Class, welcome back!.

We would like to welcome Elyssa Hewitt to the preschool team, she will be joining Karen, Debbie, Hannah and Chelsea.

As some of you are aware, Debbie has not been at preschool for a little while, she has had minor surgery on her knee and hopes to be returning soon. I have passed on all your goodwill messages.

A couple of reminders for you.

- Please name ALL of your child's belongings, coats, hats, wellies, lunch boxes, water bottles (filled with water only please).
- Put a spare full set of clothing in your child's bag - water play is offered daily and they do love to get wet!!
- Please remember a sunhat if the weather is warm, and apply suncream before they come into school. If a named bottle of suncream is put into their bag then staff will top this up at lunchtime. Put a note into their red communication book to let us know they have had cream on.
- Remember to cut any grapes, cherry tomatoes, olives lengthways before putting them into their lunchbox - we are a NUT FREE school, so please do not put any foods into their lunches which may contain nuts.
- Remember to bring in their red communication book everyday - if you have ordered a school lunch, please write in here to let us know what has been ordered.

Our Topics

This term is all about ‘People’, we will be talking about our families this week, sharing the photos that so many of you have sent in for our ‘Family Wall’, keep these coming if you haven't already emailed me yours. Our children really enjoy looking at the pictures. We will also be learning about ‘People who help us, Dentists, People in our community and our friends.

Little Wandle Phonics

Alongside our rhyme time, which involves doing singing and action rhymes everyday, we have been listening for beginning sounds in words and rhyming. We are introducing our sound of the week so our older children, who are going up to school in September will be bringing home their sound sacks to collect items at home beginning with a particular sound.

Spotlight Assessments & Tapestry

Tapestry has been a huge hit, we have had lots of positive feedback from all of you. We will be opening up a new segment to this, where you as parents are able to upload photos of anything new your child has been doing at home, to share with us in preschool.

Spotlight assessments will continue to run alongside this, you will still receive your 6 monthly reports and a brief meeting with your child’s keyworker.

Facebook Page

There is a separate Facebook page for preschool where pictures will be uploaded weekly. Pages are called Freethorpe Preschool and the main school page is Freethorpe Primary School, should you wish to be part of that one as well.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting new school year. We hope your children will enjoy lots of opportunities to make lots of new friends and become confident, independent little people ready to continue their journey.

Best wishes

Karen Ellis
Preschool Manager