

## Sutton Green Primary School

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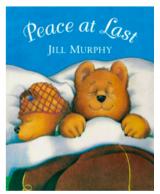
Dear parents/carers

What a great first week we had in EYFS! The children have settled into their new classes really well and have been having lots of fun making new friends and exploring our exciting learning landscape.

We will be sending out a newsletter each half term, telling you all about what the children will be learning in school. It will also include any extra information about things such as trips and stay and play sessions.

### Literacy

After a few weeks of settling in, we will begin our literacy sessions, which this half term will be focused around the story '*Peace at Last*' by Jill Murphy. Through retelling the story, the children will practise their speaking and listening skills, learn new vocabulary and explore ways of making marks to represent key events and phrases.



This text brings lots of opportunities for the children to develop their Personal, Social & Emotional skills, where we will talk about our own and others' emotions and the importance of bedtime routines. We will also use our investigative skills to find out how shadows are formed and which animals can be seen at night.

### <u>Maths</u>

We use the White Rose Maths scheme. Our initial maths focus this half term will be the phase '*Match, Sort and Compare*', where the children will be matching, sorting and comparing objects. We will then move on to '*Talk about Measure and Patterns*' where the children will be comparing size, mass and capacity and exploring and creating patterns. As well as direct teaching, the children will continuously explore maths through our learning landscape.





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### **Reception Baseline Assessment**

Your child will be participating in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting reception (statutory for all schools from September 2021). It is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that the children will be familiar with. The RBA will provide an opportunity for your child to have valuable one-to-one time with their teacher at an early stage, so the teacher can get to know your child better. It will provide a helpful snapshot of where your child is when they enter reception, so they can be supported in the most appropriate way.

Please note that our child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils.

#### Welly Wednesdays

Moving forward, we will soon be starting 'Welly Wednesdays'. Each Wednesday we will go into the woods to explore, take part in activities and have fun. The children will need to have a pair of named wellie's which we keep in school (thanks if you have sent them in already). Please can these be brought in over the next few weeks.



- PE day Mondays (children to come to school wearing their PE kit)
- Please ensure that **all** items of clothing are labelled to avoid any uniform being misplaced!
- Children only need to bring their book bag into school (and a lunch box if having a packed lunch). May we politely request that children do not bring in backpacks as we have limited space to store these in the classroom. They are busy getting to know where everything belongs in the classroom so the less they have to carry/manage, the better! We have spare clothes in school if needed.
- Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle into school each day (no juice please).
- If your child is being collected by someone other than yourselves, please inform their class teacher via email as we cannot dismiss children if we haven't been informed.



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- EYFS Stay and Play sessions
   This is an opportunity for you to join your child in class, meet other parents and chat to staff.
   Please do not worry if you are unable to make any of these sessions, your child will have plenty
   of other children and staff to play with!

   Tuesday 26th September 2023 2.00-3.00pm
   Thursday 16th November 2023 2.00-3.00pm

   Wednesday 7th February 2024 2.00-3.00pm
   Wednesday 27th March 2024 2.00-3.00pm
- EYFS PJ evening **Thursday 9th November.** Children are invited to return to school 5.00-6.00pm in their pyjamas and with their favourite cuddly toy for bedtime stories, a drink and a snack. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from the main entrance.
- EYFS Graduation
   Tuesday 16th July 2024 2.30-3.00pm



The new starters email address has now been discontinued. From now on please use the below email addresses:

Ash (Mrs Richards) - <u>ash@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk</u>

Oak (Miss Ellis) - oak@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk

We appreciate that these first few weeks are full of changes for you and your children and want to say a big thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to one of the EYFS team.

Thank you! The EYFS Team