

Dear Parents,

21st September 2017

Autumn term 2017

Welcome

A warm welcome back to everyone after our summer holidays. We are delighted to welcome many new families and also to share very exciting times with our existing families as your children embark on the next step in their time at Carr Hill. Mrs Alford has commented on how smart the children look in their uniform and black school shoes when she has visited our classes. The children are beginning to get to know the different staff and routines already.



The children who have started in our Foundation 2 classes have made a very positive start. Lunch times seem to have been a big hit and Mrs Parsons and the dinner staff have all commented on how well the children have settled.

Topic work

Both the full time and Nursery children are starting their Autumn term with work about the story Elmer by David McKee. The way we work is that we start with the same starting point but then we plan our activities based on the interests of the children in the classes and allow them to help in the direction we will take our teaching and learning. This means that, although we start with the same theme, we will undoubtedly end up learning about slightly different things that **have captured the children's imagination. We will be posting pictures and observations of your children as they are learning on Tapestry.** A few parents have not yet activated their account, please see a member of staff if you are having trouble doing so. **Don't forget that you can add comment or pictures yourself.** We love to see how the children are continuing their learning at home.



Wellies

We spend a great deal of time outside and have noticed that we are running short of wellies. If you have any that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful for them.



Cool milk

All foundation children are eligible for free milk and snack at school. In order to receive milk you must register your child at www.coolmilk.com and then school will receive notification that your child has been added to **our list.** **If your child doesn't like milk,** you may wish to send water (no juice please) in their own named bottle.

Donations of resources



We are currently finding that our bikes and scooters are very **popular with the children and we don't have as many as we would like**. If you have any that are still in good condition but your child has outgrown, please could you have a word with a member of staff if you might be able to donate one to us. (In fact anything that your child has enjoyed using such as dressing up costumes or instruments are always appreciated!)



Investigation stations

We love to develop curiosity in children and have set up areas in the classrooms where children can bring in natural items that may fascinate them. Old sunflower heads, a bird's nest, an unusually coloured feather, a flower they have grown etc. are perfect examples. Unfortunately we may not be able to return these items as they tend to be very well handled. If you find anything of interest, please send it in with your child.

Admissions to Nursery

Do you or any of your friends or family have a child who would like a place at our Nursery in the next couple of years? We are trying to plan our admissions **for the next school year and have realised that we haven't received admissions forms for siblings of children already in school**. If you aren't sure if you have registered your child for a place in our Nursery, the office will be able to tell you. We do have some places available for 3 and 4 year olds at the moment so please see Mrs Gaddes if you know anyone who may be interested in a place.



Diary Dates

Friday 29th September – Macmillan Coffee morning in the Dining room 8:30-9:30

Thursday 19th October – Last day of school for Half term

Tues 10th/Weds 11th October – School individual and sibling photos. More information coming soon!

Friday 20th October – INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

Monday 30th October – Back to school

Friday 1st December – Foundation Nativity 10:30 and 2:30 in the school hall (Full time children will perform in both shows, Nursery children perform in their usual morning or afternoon session)

Friday 15th December – Foundation Christmas party (Morning nursery will be closed - all Nursery children are invited to join us in the Nursery from 12:30 – 3:30)

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term before Christmas holidays

Friday 22nd December – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Monday 8th January – Spring Term starts

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team if you have any queries.

Mrs Gaddes and the Foundation team.