



# Foundation News



## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### This Week

We have been working hard this week to get used to the routines of the school day and the children are doing brilliantly! In the morning we are getting experts at putting our things into the correct places and sitting on the carpet ready to learn. We have been focusing on 'Tidy Up Time', encouraging all the children to join in and work together as a team. It would be very helpful if you could continue this message at home. We have also been doing lots of activities based around number - counting out different amounts and then matching these to numerals. We have been counting everything - such as syllables in words and our names. In addition to this we have been looking at a range of different shapes and thinking about their names and properties. We have begun phonics this week and have learnt the letter

### Next Week

Next week is going to be all about the new school values. These are: 'Empathy', 'Team work', 'Honesty', 'Self-belief' and 'Respect'. We will be linking all of these to different books so the value can be taught to the children in a meaningful way, relating it to their own experiences. For example, we will use the story of 'The Smartest Giant' to introduce the children to the concept of Empathy. Following this, one of the activities we will explore is testing which materials would be best if we made the giant some new clothes. What would keep him warm, or dry? We will be then making collage pictures of some lovely new clothes for our giant.

**Phonic learning of the week:** 't', 'p' and 'i'

### Snack Times

We ask that each child brings a piece of fruit or vegetable with them each day for our morning snack time. School provides the second. Please **name** your child's piece of fruit. It could be a sticky label, sandwich bag or box or written directly on the skin. Please support your child in the morning's to take their snack out of their book bag and put it into the snack box.



Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school. Please place these in the boxes outside the classroom before your child comes into the building.

### Trips for Term 1

We have two exciting trips booked for this term:

**Texture walk** is: Friday 27th October.

This trip is adult dependent and cannot take place without the right number of adults to keep the children safe.

If you are free it would be wonderful if you could join us.

This date is also weather dependant - we will be checking nearer the time! A sign up sheet is on our classroom doors.



**Maidstone Library** - date to be arranged.

We will need parent support on this trip as well.

### Labelling clothes

We have already come across a number of jumpers and coats that are coming into school un-named. **Please, please, please label all of your children's clothes**, they are incredibly easy to get mixed up and rarely find their way back to you without a name on to identify the owner.



### Staff cover in Reception

Class teachers are sometimes out of class for various reasons, such as, planning time which is half a day each week and due to various courses and leadership time. This is **Miss Jones**. She will be covering in both classes from time to time. She has already met all of the children in both classes and if you need to, you can speak to her about your child when she is



### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 27th September**

Autumn texture walk

Volunteers needed!!

**Week of 7th October**

**Library visit. Dates to be arranged.**

Volunteers needed!!

**Monday 14th October**

FUDGE for Dads, Uncles, Grandads to come and read with the children

2.40-3.10pm

**Friday 18th October**

INSET day

No children in school

**Monday 21st October**

Half term



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## Houses

All the children across school are placed into 'houses' when they join Brunswick House.

**WOODVILLE**

**ROMNEY**

**WYATT**

**HAZLITT**

Each house has a colour and they will remain in the same house until leaving in Year 6.

The children will take part in a range of activities in their houses, most importantly sports day at the end of the year.

From year 1 children are awarded 'house points' for excellent behaviour and achievements which are added together each week, and then the house with most points at the end of each term are invited to come to school dressed in their house colours on the last day.

Please ask us if you are unsure what 'house' your child is in. Signs are up on the outside of our class-

## Dropping Off Routine

We would like to congratulate you and your children for such a smooth start to the year! We have been both surprised and hugely proud of how quickly the children have settled into the morning routine.

## FUDGE

We are planning to hold a FUDGE session on Monday 14th October for **Dads, Uncles, Grandads**.

These sessions run from 2.40 pm. You will read a story to a small group of children and we would love you to come and join us.

Sign up sheets for the afternoon will soon appear

## Book Fair

Don't forget the book fair this week. You'll find it in the school hall after 3.30pm

Snack time - Please provide a piece of **fruit**, **vegetable** or **piece of cheese** for our morning break.

## Packed lunches

Needing ideas for  
FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX? **PICK & MIX**  
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Items that can be included in packed lunches in moderation

Processed meat products should be an occasional treat.

Cake/cereal bar/biscuits

Crisps only on a Friday

Packed Lunches should **NOT** Include:

**Confectionery** – i.e. chocolate bars or sweets.

**Nut products** (be aware that most chocolate spread products contain nuts)

**Fizzy drinks**