



Wootton Bassett Infants' School

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Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you all a warm welcome to Wootton Bassett Infants' School and we hope your child is looking forward to being part of Poppy Class! The class teacher is Mrs Smith and our teaching assistants are Mrs Clarke, Mrs Cole and Mrs Edwards.

I would like to thank you all for signing up for home visits. It is a great way to meet your child in an environment they are familiar with and also to get to know you as a family. I hope you have found it as a positive experience as we did.

This term our topic is called 'Marvellous Me'. We will be learning all about ourselves and our families, as well as learning about harvest and practicing songs for the Harvest Festival. For more information, please refer to the topic web to see what the children will be learning this term. We will be making use of the outside area and the field during this term, and it would be very helpful if children could bring in a pair of **named wellies** to leave in school as the field can get muddy. We also ask for ALL children's clothes to be named as it helps us if anything goes missing! The children will also need to bring in a **labelled water bottle**. **This will be sent home to be cleaned and refilled each day.** As the children will be having hot dinners with us, we will be practicing using a knife and fork in our playdoh and messy play and would very much appreciate it if you could continue to practice this at home.

The children will have PE sessions twice a week, these are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. PE sessions will be both outside and inside. **The children will need their PE kits in school ready for Thursday** to practise getting changed for the lesson and they will then go home wearing their PE kit (with their school uniform in their PE bag). **On Tuesday, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.** As the weather turns colder, the children will need tracksuit bottoms and a PE jumper as they continue to use the outdoor space for PE. We appreciate that getting changed is tricky, but we do encourage the children to begin to get dressed independently, so practicing at home will help this run more smoothly and build their confidence.

Please bring book bags in each day so we can hear the children read, pass on any paper communication and the children can share work they have done during the day. You can empty (and of course treasure) any pictures that your child has made but please do keep reading books and records in them. Most school letters are shared through text message links and on our school website. If you require messages to be sent to parents who do not live in the same household please contact the office.

Each week the children will bring home a decodable reading book (with words that can be sounded out) as well as a story to share from our class library. We give the children decodable books so that they can practice their phonics skills and the same book is read 3 times at home so that the children can read the book aloud confidently. We will begin by sending a book home without words for you to share together and then books with words as we start our phonic lessons. The library book is for you to read and enjoy with your child. These books are changed weekly. Please write in the reading record to acknowledge when your child has read at home and how they are getting on. The children receive raffle tickets for reading 5 times a week and at the end of each half term the raffle is drawn! **One lucky child from each class receives a prize and a special story time with Mrs Pass!**

We always welcome volunteers to hear readers in the class and if you, or any family members, are able to please do get in touch with the office.

Finally, I hope you enjoy your first term with us. If you have any questions do please let me know, I can be contacted in person, or through the office.

Many thanks,

Mrs Smith