

## **This week in Reception**

Thank you all - your children have been amazing. They have been so happy and settled during their half days. All children were eating some lunch by the end of the week and all children now know how to locate their own classroom, the toilets and the Reception playground. Thank you all for your patience whilst we all get back into the swing of things.

## **Next Week**

Please line up along the fence (Elsinore Road) to wait for your class to be let in.

**Lions** (8.50am and 3.20pm), **Tigers** (8.55am and 3.25pm) and **Bears** (9.00am and 3.30pm)

Please do not line up on the nursery side (see signs on fence for guidance).

## **Full Days**

We will start to send books home this coming week on your child's book bag day. Although we will be starting our new phonics programme Little Wandle next week, the 'reading' book we will be sending home will have no words. This is because there is value in 'reading' the pictures and telling a made-up story to promote confidence.

Your child may mention having some individual time out with an adult over the next three weeks. This is to get to know them better and give them an opportunity to share their knowledge with us.

We expect your children to be really tired and they may show some regression in their emotional regulation. We therefore advise that you don't start anything new for the next few weeks.

### **Hot Lunches**

We will continue to let the children know in advance what is available for lunch and very soon the menus will be available for you to view on the website. As always, we will help the children to make choices and ensure restricted diets are adhered to.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please remember that not only are we a sugar smart school, the children's lunches need to reflect this. We would recommend a savoury main, a piece of fruit and yogurt or other **nut free** cereal bar, as examples.

### **Morning drop-off**

Please ensure that you come in through the Early Years gate (Elsinore Road) and bring your child right to the door of their classroom.

### **Naming clothes**

This is very important if you'd like us to be able to return the clothes to you when your children become separated from them!

### **Scooter park**

We no longer have a scooter park by the Early Years entrance. Please take any scooters or bikes to the main playground and park them in the bike shelter or alternatively, take them home.

### **Road closure at drop off and collection**

Please do not let your children play in the road or around the parked cars. Although the road is closed to the general public, local residents can still use it for access along with bikes and motorbikes.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

