

## Settling in

We hope you agree that the children have settled really well into their new classes and have had a great first week. We have been so pleased to see their positive attitudes, excitement and eagerness to demonstrate their independence.

## Lunchtime

The children have all got into the routine of lunch very well, managing their trays, choices of food and going out to play. We're currently staying with them for much of the lunch hour making sure they're settled, helping out and encouraging them to eat and drink well.

## Outdoor days

Each class has a day where much of the learning is done outside – this will start from next week (16/9). Where many children choose to spend much of the time outside and therefore need appropriate clothing for being active and outdoors, some choose to use the provision in the other classrooms. Your child's outside day is...

**Bears:** Tuesday

**Tigers:** Wednesday

**Lions:** Thursday

## Bookbags

Next week the children will be grouped in reading days on which they are read with individually and books are changed. This week, however, we will start by giving out book bags, reading journal and first books, and talking to the children about reading. Just enjoy these first stories with your child – we are not expecting them to be able to read them!

## Dates for your diary:

- Curriculum Meeting: 9.15am and 6pm, Tuesday October 1st
- We would like to invite you all to attend our **International Event** on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in each Reception class. This is a chance for you to share your homemade food from your cultural heritage, meet other parents/arrange playdates and watch a short performance from your child's class and all of reception.
- FOK New Parents Coffee Morning Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 9-11am in the Community Room
- FOK AGM on Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm-9pm

## Children of the Week

Starting the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, each teacher will select two Children of the Week. This is so that we can celebrate each child's individuality and interests. They will bring home an iPod which we hope you will use to take a maximum of 6 pictures of what they get up to. These will provide a focus for your child to talk to the class about their interests, enabling all of us to get to know them really well. Every child will have the chance to do this at some point. Additionally to this, they will each have the chance to bring home the class toy together with a diary in which to record photos/pictures and a little update of how they spent their time together. Please encourage your child to do some mark making alongside your own writing.

## Reminders

- Please guide your children not to play with any resources before school as they are often set up for specific, focussed activities.
- Please, if you haven't yet, bring in a bag of spare clothes for your child should they get wet while playing. We will keep this on their hook.

Remember - any questions, please see your child's teachers!

## Enjoy your weekend!

