

# EYFS Welcome Meeting

## Phonics

*keep sound book in book bag*

We teach phonics every day at Lethbridge through songs and actions. On the 30<sup>th</sup> September your child will take home their very own sound book containing the sounds learnt that week at school. Please practise these with your child regularly at home but please return them to school every day. These will be updated with new sounds on a weekly basis.

## Handwriting

*Cursive*



We will teach correct letter formation alongside phonics, through directed and play activities. The school as a whole has made the decision to return to cursive writing to ensure that all letters are formed correctly from an early age and so all children have a secure foundation for joining up letters later in their life at school.

## Reading Records

*Please Sign*

Books will be sent home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October along with a tip sheet of what to do to support your child's reading.

Lilac books - it is very important to talk about the pictures (what you can see, what is happening, what might happen), describe the characters, build up vocab etc.

*When you read with your child please date and sign. Your child will receive a reading prize when they have read 25 times at home (Only one read per day will be counted).*

Books will be changed daily if needed therefore please encourage your child to put it into basket provided.



## Keywords

Later on in the year we will send home a set of keywords for your child to learn. Your child will need to learn these words by sight therefore we will also send home a list of ideas of games you could play using homemade flashcards.

Every other week, we will check to see how many of these words your child has been able to learn and, if necessary, give out a new set of words.

## PE



PE will take place every Tuesday and Thursday.

We will build up to getting changed so in the meantime please encourage your child to change themselves at home. This will not only help them do this at school but also help to develop their independence.

**PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING AND SHOES**

## Home time

Please let us know if it will be someone different picking up your child. If it is on a regular basis please write a note for us to keep by the door.



## Come and Join us

In term 2 you are welcome to join your child for a play session every other Friday 8.35 - 9.15.

## Toys

Please try to discourage your child from bringing toys to school unless we have specifically asked them to.

## Rewards

### Positive Praise

All children are aware of the golden rules and expectations of behaviour. We are strong believers in reinforcing good behaviour. We have an abundance of certificates, stickers and general praise for the children. We also have our positive behaviour display - all children begin the day on the Sun ☺ Throughout the day positive behaviour is recognised and celebrated by moving the child's name up to the rainbow. Any unacceptable behaviour will be dealt by moving the children down onto the clouds but they always have opportunity and are encouraged to move back up the sunny face.



## How can you help?

Your input into your child's learning is just as important as ours.

How can you support your child's learning at school?

- Helping us collect evidence on WOW moments seen at home - please see a teacher for a copy.
- Ensuring you check children's bags/parent mail for letters
- Being a parent helper in school - regular helpers will need a CRB check

We are in the process of enhancing our outdoor space and require the following items :

- \* Measuring jugs
- \* Whisks
- \* Saucepans
- \* Metal lids
- \* Spoons - wooden/metal any sizes
- \* Bowls
- \* Old CD's (for hanging)
- \* Clothes pegs
- \* Sieves
- \* Large bits of material/bed sheets/rugs (for den building)
- \* Towels or dog towels (for mopping up water)
- \*Tarp
- \* Milk Crates/Old Tyres
- \* Guttering/pipes
- \* Different size paint brushes