

# Early Years News

Welcome to Early years at Etchells. A big special welcome to all our new families who have just joined us and welcome back to those of you who are already familiar to us!

To help us all get to know each other our first theme is 'Special Me! Special Times!' This will help the children to get to know us and help us to learn all about the children's friends, families, brothers and sisters, pets, interests, likes and dislikes etc. We will then use this information to plan activities and future themes with the children around their interests. Please see our website pages to see our Autumn Term overview.

## Your Child's Starting Point.

The Early Years Foundation Stage outlines 'Age Related Expectations' (AREs) over seven areas of learning: Communication & language, Physical, Personal, Social & Emotional, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts & Design. As your child is settling into school during these first few weeks, we will be completing class assessments and a statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) to gather information on your child's starting points and their next steps for learning. Your child's progress towards these expectations will be shared with you throughout the year.

## Learning at Home

We love to hear about what your child has learnt or achieved at home e.g. swimming, riding their bike, getting dressed all by themselves, going to Rainbows, Beavers, karate, dancing, football clubs etc. Please record these magic moments by taking photos or videos and putting them on Dojo or emailing them to us so we can celebrate with your child in school.

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## 'Special Me! Special Times!'

To help your child to talk about themselves, their families and hobbies etc they will be given a piece of card. Please collect drawings, photos, leaflets, magazine cuttings etc to create a collage of your child's favourite things. Be as imaginative as you like - anything goes! We look forward to seeing and sharing your child's creations in class. Please return them to school as soon as they are ready!

# Reception Life

## Daily & Weekly Routines

**8.45am** – Gate opens, children enter school, teachers available for **quick** chats/messages.

**8.55am** – Registration. **Door closes – late arrivals will have to sign in at the school office.**

**9am** – Literacy lesson begins **promptly** (please don't be late because we can't wait!)

**9.30 – 10.45am** – morning activities including access to snack area.

**10.45 – 11.05am** – Phonics session

**11.15am** – children go to hall for lunch followed by outdoor session

**1.15pm** – Register, followed by a Maths session

**1.45 – 2.45pm** – afternoon activities including access to snack area.

**2.45pm** – story/singing

**3.05-3.15pm** – Home time. Please collect your child by 3.15pm

**Monday – PE** – Please come to school wearing black joggers/leggings, white T-shirts and velcro fastening trainers or pumps every Wednesday.

**Tuesday – Forest Schools** – Each class will have a turn for a half term, starting with class RM – Mrs Macfarlane. RM to wear black joggers/leggings and white T-shirts every Tuesday– see letter.

**Wednesday – Reading** - Please make sure your child has all their reading resources and diary in school once they have received them.

**Friday – Library Day** – Please return your library book so that you may choose a new one.

**& Early Years Assembly** – We choose the next 'Star of the Week' and award certificates for good behaviour, working hard, trying challenges, working independently, great thinking and ideas and lots more!

## Meet The Team!



**Mrs Revill**  
Teacher RR  
EY Senior Leader



**Mrs Macfarlane**  
Teacher RH



**Mrs Adams**  
RR - Higher Level  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Billinge**  
RH - Teaching  
Assistant



**Miss Woolley**  
Teaching Assistant



**Miss Edge**  
SEN support



**Miss Hristina**  
SEN support



**Miss Neill**  
SEN support