Cygnets Class

A big welcome to Cygnets class. We are pleased with how well the children are settling into their new routine and their participation in and enthusiasm for learning. This is just an overview of some of the things we will be doing this half term.

**EYFS Team –** The Reception team consists of Mrs Rayner (Class Teacher), Miss Christian, Miss Adams, Mrs Daw, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Peters and Mrs Holgate (Tuesday mornings). If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via dojo or at the gate after school.

**Reading Books** - Your child has started bringing home wordless books to share and next week we will send home a library fiction or non-fiction book. Please record when you have shared books with your child in their reading log - your child will receive dojo points for reading at home and books are to be returned in book bags every Monday please. A reading challenge sheet from Mr Newick will also be coming home soon – more info to follow.

**Snack**- Fresh milk and water is offered at a specific snack time, every day, during the morning with a healthy piece of fruit or vegetable. Children can also help themselves to their own drinking bottle throughout the day. If you choose to send your child in with a drinking bottle, we would like to remind you that it should **only contain water**. We have children in our classrooms who have allergies and illnesses; we are unable to monitor who drinks from which bottle so it is both a health and safety matter as well as being part of our Being Healthy policy. Furthermore, water between meals is much more beneficial for oral hygiene as children’s teeth are developing.

**Uniform** - Children should come to school in full school uniform including black shoes and be appropriately dressed for the weather conditions; we spend as much time outside as inside! A foldable rain coat from now on would be beneficial in their bag in case of unexpected showers like we’ve had this week. Dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings are acceptable in Reception and often allow the children to be more free with their movement and independent in self care. Please **name all of your child’s clothing** to help us return items to the correct person.

**Physical development (P.E**) – Our PD sessions will be on a **Wednesday morning** for the Autumn Term. Up until October half term, children **will not** require a full PE kit as we will begin our PD sessions by removing shoes and socks only. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings will need to be removed or we will tape with microtape for the PD session. We will let you know when we will start getting changed for PE later in the term.

**Autumn Term** – This half term we are particularly focussing on children’s personal, social and emotional development, building positive and respectful relationships with everyone in the class. We will begin to have a daily maths and phonics session as well as opportunities to improve our speaking, listening vocabulary and wellbeing through our weekly PATHS sessions. We will send updates on these sessions and tips for helping with learning at home via dojo. We will soon begin to introduce learning themes also into the school day. Our first theme will be ‘Marvellous Me’ and we politely request all Reception children to send a **photo of themselves with their family** to display in the class. This can be in any format - an actual photograph, via email to the school office or as a message on dojo. Thank you

**Star of the Day** – As part of our PATHS programme focussing on children’s personal, social and emotional skills and mental wellbeing we will choose a Star of the Day. The star of the day is picked at random from a selection and is done on a rota type basis so that **everyone gets a fair turn.** Later this half term, we will begin to give the star of the day compliments to promote positive relationships and support wellbeing. We will post on dojo a photo of the star of the day.

**Rights Respecting Schools** – We are a silver accredited RRS so soon Reggie the Rhino will begin to introduce children to the Unicef Rights of the Child through stories and introduction of language. If you have any questions please ask. We will send out more info as we learn about different rights.

**Children’s Learning –** The new EYFS framework no longer requires individual learning journeys to be created. However, we will post photos and comments of ‘wow’ moments on to your child’s profile section of class dojo as we move throughout the year. If you have any ‘wow’ moments at home (eg. learning to ride a bike, swimming for the first time, loosing a tooth etc) please let us know and we can share with the class.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. You can message via Dojo or catch one of us at the end of the school day. We are looking forward to a busy half term; thank you for your support. The EYFS Team