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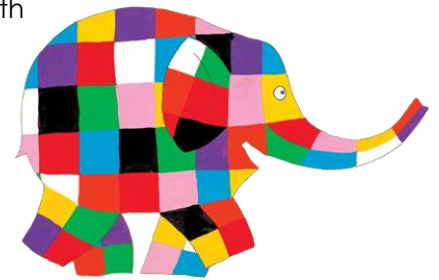
Dear Parents and Foundation Children,

We are so excited to welcome you through our doors on Wednesday morning! I cannot wait for all the exciting things that we will be getting up to on our Orston journey together. Although most of us have met, I thought you might like to know a little more about me as I am very much looking forward to learning about you and your child's interests. I am a keen horse rider and spend most of my free time with my horses at home! I also love to sing and run our wonderful school choir 'Snack and Sing' with Ms Crosby.



In Foundation, we have Literacy, Maths and Phonics groups in the morning along with adult directed and child-initiated play activities. Now your child is at school, we will focus on reading and writing activities where they will learn how to use their knowledge of letter sounds (phonemes) and letter shapes (graphemes) to encourage independent reading and writing. We will use both the indoor and outdoor environment in all weathers so please send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather each day, and if possible, a spare pair of wellies to live at school.

This term we are thinking about 'Magnificent Me!' we will be celebrating your truly magnificent Elmers and talking about what makes us different and why we are all special. We are going to be talking about our families, where we live, any pets we might have and what we like to do! We will spend lots of time learning about our environment and our school and will particularly sing lots of new songs to help us learn our new routines. Our topic will be helped along by some friends from 'Elmer' and 'Owl Babies'.



Although we have our themes that are threaded through our environment, play and small group activities, 'project learning' and 'in the moment' learning is key and we are particularly excited to find out what your child wants to learn about in school and what excites and interests them.



At some point during this first term, your child will bring home a reading book and reading diary. When your child has a reading book, we will change books on a Monday and Thursday and we encourage the children to read at least four times each week at home to develop their fluency.

Mrs Edge will be with us on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Rains will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays. As the children are starting school this week and need to get into their new routine there will be no PE until next week Friday 12th September.



Daily Timetable

Monday	Book changing day
Thursday	Book changing day Forest School (this will begin after October half term) children to come dressed in long tops and trousers, mucky clothes, wellies, waterproofs (weather dependent)
Friday	PE – children come in PE clothes for the day.

Drop off and Pick up

Every morning an adult from foundation will stand at the canopy door to greet your child. During the first week we open the gate early to allow extra time for the children to settle in. We ask that parents do not come into the classroom during this time. At the end of the day children will line up on the yellow line and dismissed individually, please help the staff by giving us a wave when we get to your child. Please do not encourage your child to come to you until they have been dismissed by a member of staff. Please find attached a form to complete if you have other adults that will be collecting your child on a regular basis, this includes family members or friends, you do not need to add on parents. This then means the teachers know who they can give your children to at the end of the day. For any ad hoc collections please email the school office with the details of who is collecting before lunchtime.

School Dinners

School dinners are provided by Planet Bake, a local company who are employed directly by Orston Primary School. The menu is listed on our school website under Parent Information. As your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals we will automatically order meals for them every day. However, if you wish to opt out and provide your own packed lunch please email Mrs Andrews on office@orston.notts.sch.uk and we will remove your child from the order. Alternatively, you can order ad hoc meals and a form will be sent to you 2 weeks prior to receiving the meals. Again, if this is something you want to do please email the school office by the end of the week.

Milk

Milk is provided free of charge to children under 5. If you wish to continue with milk once they are 5 please contact Coolmilk.co.uk. Please note any amendments to the milk being provided in school takes 2 weeks' notice from you contacting Coolmilk.

ParentPay

By the end of this week you will receive a login for ParentPay, this is the system you use to pay for trips, uniform and Breakfast and After School Club. If you need any help setting this up once you have received the letter please ask Mrs Andrews.

**NUT-FREE SCHOOL:**

This year we have several pupils across the school that have severe and potentially life-threatening allergies to nuts. We therefore need to remind you that we are a strictly nut-free school and please can you carefully check that any snacks that you bring in do not contain nuts. Unfortunately, if your child does accidentally bring something in that does contain nuts then they will not be allowed to eat the snack at school. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Dates for your Diary this half term

Fri 12 th September	Non-school uniform day organized by the OSA
Tues 16 th September	Individual school photographs
Fri 19 th September	Summer Fair (after school)
Thurs 25 th September	We will be going to Flintham Show more information will follow about the trip next week.
Mon 29 th September	Donaldson Day! We will be celebrating our class name after the author Julia Donaldson, children to come dressed up as their favorite Donaldson Character!
Weds 1 st October	Myself and Ms Crosby will be hosting a Foundation parents drop in morning 9.10-10am with the OSA where we will showcase what it looks like to be in the Early Years at Orston. It will give you the opportunity to meet other parents and the OSA (Orston School Association).
Mon 13 th October	Harry Potter Day – More information to follow closer to the time.
Weds 15 th – Thurs 16 th October	Virtual Parents Evening (Information will be sent out closer to the time)

Your child's happiness and wellbeing is of the upmost importance to us so please do come and talk to us if you have any problems or worries. We regularly update our class website page each half term with lots of photos and videos of what we have been up to. So please do keep an eye on our class page.

Thank you for your support,

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Wrench