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Aim High

Never Give Up

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Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we do a lot of our assessing through observing the children when they are completing self-chosen activities. This allows us to see how the children are developing within the six areas of learning. We then put the observations into the children's folder to create their profile. Within this profile we try to ensure that there is a good variety of evidence within each of the areas of learning, from different activities, inside as well as outside the classroom. We also try to collect evidence from all of the different adults working with the children: teachers, teaching assistants, dinner supervisors, Fun base staff (when children attend Funbase) and parents/carers. It is for this reason that we are introducing 'Wow' stars. The idea of 'Wow' stars is so that parents and carers are able to share the children's home achievements with school. These can then be shared with the class giving the children an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with their friends. Then they will be added to the children's profiles.

What kind of thing should I write a 'Wow' star for?

'Wow' stars are for writing down things that the children have been doing particularly well at home. For example they may have got changed completely independently, they may have shown a good understanding about something that they have learned in school or they may have been working particularly hard on their pencil grip, letter or number formation. They may even have built something particularly impressive.

How to fill in 'Wow' stars

When filling in the 'Wow' star please write down your child's name, the date and what it is that they did well. Then please ensure that it is handed in at school.

I am attaching some wow stars to this letter to get you started off but if you need more we shall put some spares on the class notice board and also have more in class available on request.

We look forward to hearing all about your child's achievements at home!

Reading Books

We have changed our reading book routine this term. Rather than sending out two books at a time and just changing books on one day a week, we now have a basket in our classroom for reading books that need to be changed. The reading books can be placed in this basket in the morning and they will be replaced on the same day. We will be sending one reading book at a time. Also please ensure that your child's reading record is kept with the reading book at all times. We cannot change reading books without ensuring that there is a parent comment in the reading record to state that the book is ready for changing.

P.E

Our class P.E. days have changed. We will now be doing P.E. every Monday and Thursday so please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school on those days. Can we please ask that your child's kit is clearly named as quite a few items of clothing have been lost recently. Also can we request that you check uniform items at home to ensure other children's clothing hasn't been picked up by mistake and brought home.

Independence

Now that the children have been coming to school for a while we are trying to encourage them to become more independent in coming into school. Therefore we ask that you say goodbye in the outside area and encourage children to come into the cloakroom by themselves as much as possible. However if you need to speak with one of the Reception team, we are still available at that time so please feel free to come in and speak with us.

Spare Clothing

Please ensure that your child has a set of spare clothing in school including underwear as we have very few items that we are able to provide if there is an accident. If you do have any old underwear that you would be willing to donate to school it would be very much appreciated!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Church
Reception Teacher

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

