



Foundation Stage

Term 1

September 2019

All About Me



Welcome to your first Foundation Newsletter. At Christ Church Primary School, you will receive a newsletter at the start of each new term. The purpose of these termly newsletters is to keep you updated with information for Foundation Stage. Accompanying the newsletter is a 'Curriculum Overview' shaped like a puzzle which gives you a brief outline of the learning objectives we will be focussing on. You can find copies of all our newsletters on our school website, in the Foundation Stage lobby, the school office lobby and on the notice board in the main reception. If you are unsure about anything you can ask any member of the Foundation Team and we will be happy to help you. We have had an **AMAZING** first week with the children and we are really enjoying getting to know them.



Donations

We would love to be able to cook regularly with the children. Unfortunately we do not have the funds to support these projects. We would be very grateful if you could make a voluntary donation of £6 (or any smaller donation). This will cover the cost of your child's cooking activities for the year. Please put it in a named sealed envelope and give it to the Foundation Team. We are very grateful for your support.

Other items which we would be grateful to receive are:

- Small notepads (some businesses will donate if you ask at work)
- Arts and crafts materials (tape, sequins, pipe cleaners, stickers, lollipop sticks, fabric scraps, small boxes and tubes etc)
- Coloured paper
- Children's magazines (for reading or for cutting out)
- Tissues
- Old wellies, crocs or pots to plant bulbs in.

The Wiltshire Times photographer will visit over the next few weeks. Look out for us in the Starting School Edition.

This term we are focussing on settling into school life and learning the many routines. We are learning all about each other, talking about ourselves and our interests and making new friends.

In Foundation Stage we use the children's interests to plan our topics and the children are closely involved with this process. We talk about being 'Learning Explorers' and call our self-directed learning time 'Explore Time'. During this time the children will access play based activities designed to support them develop their skills in areas of the Early Years curriculum. As our learning progresses we discuss ideas and record them in a class planning book. Do visit our learning displays outside Hedgehogs classroom from time to time as we add pictures throughout the year. All the children freely explore our many inside and outside learning activities and are encouraged to try new things. The children are also taught in focussed whole class sessions, small groups and in one-to-one sessions throughout the school day.

Could you spare some time to wash and dry a bundle of dressing up clothes for us? If you could please speak to a member of the team. This would help us enormously! If so please let us know and we will give you a bundle.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd October- Foundation Reading and Phonics Workshop 7pm in the Learning Lodge

Tuesday 8th October- Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 10th October- Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday 11th October- Individual Photographs

Friday 18th October- End of Term 1 (Please note 21/22/23 October are TD Days.)

If you would like to contact any of the Foundation teachers, please see us at the end of the day or e-mail admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued help and support.
The Foundation Team.