Welcome to Little Owls’ Class

3rd September 2021

I would like to start by saying a very warm welcome to you all. It has been lovely meeting with you all this week and we hope you are as excited as we are for your children to be starting ‘big school’.

There are just a few things I would like to add to the information you have already been given.

**P.E.**

Please ensure that your child has a named PE Kit that will be kept on their peg. Please include outdoor shoes e.g., trainers for outside; they will be barefoot for indoor P.E. PE is happening every day within the context of the foundation stage curriculum, but our timetabled PE session will be on Friday afternoon. (The process of changing into their PE kits is as important for their personal development as the actual PE session itself!). P.E. kits will go home for washing at the end of each week on a Friday.

**Bookbags**

Please ask your child to put their book bag into their drawer each morning, not on their peg, due to lack of space, so that they can put their work in it and for us to include letters and other correspondence. Their bookbag needs to be in school **every** day.

**Show and Share**

The week starting Monday 13th September we will be having ‘Show and Share’ sessions on a Monday afternoon. Please encourage your children to either bring an item in that they are interested in (anything within reason!) or to have some news they would like to talk about – perhaps something that happened over the weekend. The more meaningful this is to them the better, as we encourage the children to talk and listen to each other in a small group activity. Their item will need to be in a plastic bag to leave on their peg during the day, please name the bag in case two children bring in the same item.

**Phonics**

Phonics begin in week four 27th September. We will be learning our sounds through songs that follow ‘Jolly Phonics’ and we will also work with a new scheme ‘Bug Club’ to give an all-round approach to phonics.

I appreciate that you have had a lot of information over the last week and hope you have found this useful and not too overwhelming. We will arrange a meeting to discuss phonics and Tapestry – (our online assessment program) a little later in the term.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year with the little Owls!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Harvey

