Welcome to the Autumn Term in FS2

WELCOME!
Welcome to Foundation Stage 2! We have had a busy start to the term and are really pleased to welcome our new children to Gillshill! The FS2 team includes: Miss Charlesworth & Mrs Lister (RCL), Mrs Millen & Mrs Kirk (RMK) and Mrs Makin (RJM) supported by Miss Fuller, Miss Akrill, Ms Hanson, Miss Everitt, Miss Salmon and Miss Forward.

We would like to inform you of some important dates for your diary:
Harvest Festival—Thursday 24th October at 10.15am
Thursday 24th October —School reopens
Tuesday 5th November —School reopens
Tuesday 3rd December—Christmas nativity plays

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THEME
Our theme for the Autumn Term is One Small Step. We will talk about the children starting school and get to know them and then we will move on to looking at space and the moon.
Thank you to all those children and families who have created self-portraits and sent in family photographs. This topic will help us to get to know the children, their families and important people in their lives and support transition from FS1 to FS2.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS
We will be visiting Hull Truck Theatre during the last week of term in December. We have sent a permission slip home for this and we will confirm which day your child will be attending.

ALLERGIES
We must insist that egg sandwiches and nuts are not put in packed lunches please.

SANDSHOES
The children all need a pair of sandshoes to wear in the classroom. This helps to keep our carpets clean and also encourages independence when putting their own
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PE
Indoor P.E. is on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning depending which class your child is in. Pupils must wear the recommended Gillshill t-shirt or a plain white, black or yellow t-shirt and a plain pair of black shorts. (No football or rugby kits are to be worn). No jewellery is to be worn, so if earrings are not removed micro pore tape/plasters must be provided. Can we please ask that all belongings are clearly labelled and PE kits are kept in school in labelled PE bags only (no back-packs please - our cloakrooms are unable to accommodate large bags).
Your child does not need an outdoor PE kit so please do not put additional items of clothing in their PE bags. We have continuous outdoor provision in FS2, so please

READING
We will hold a Reading and Phonics seminar in the first half term. We ask that you read school scheme books (given to you child after the seminar) and share a range of books with your child as much as possible. Please record this in the Home Record Log. School reading books will be changed weekly (each pupil will be given a

BEHAVIOUR
We follow the School's Behaviour Policy using a range of rewards and sanctions appropriate to the children's age. In FS2 we have the following in place:

Rewards
Verbal and written praise is used constantly throughout the school day from all members of the Foundation Stage 2 team as well as the Senior Leadership Team. Children are awarded with a sticker or a Marvellous Me (more information to follow) for good work, effort and behaviour.
In addition, children are also chosen for our classroom based weekly achievement sessions.

Sanctions
Unfortunately, when the children do not follow the rules we talk about the negative behaviour in a positive manner by discussing how we can make 'good choices'. We will always keep parents informed of low level disruption so that you can talk to your child about school rules and behaviour too.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION
We kindly ask for a weekly voluntary contribution of 50p to help subsidise our activities such as play dough, baking and any other consumable materials we use throughout the year. This way we can continue to offer these experiences and

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HEALTHY SNACKS & DRINKS
We do provide fruit for pupils within Foundation Stage 2. We ask, within Early Years only, for pupils not to bring their own healthy snack or fruit into school. We have several pupils with allergies and feel the only way we can keep them safe and avoid sharing snacks is to provide the children with the items we know are safe on our ‘snack trolley’. We appreciate your understanding on this matter. We also encourage healthy lunch boxes and a sensible amount of food for your child to eat during the lunch time period too.

STAFF COMMUNICATION
Parents can speak to staff in a morning, at the gate, if they need to pass on a quick message. If you need a confidential chat then home time rather than a morning is more suitable, unless it is an emergency. As you will appreciate, it is very busy getting the children into school and their safety is paramount.

THANK YOU!
We look forward to a happy and successful term sharing many exciting educational experiences with the pupils and we look forward to welcoming parents into school to share in the many family friendly activities we have planned.

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