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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that you are all having a wonderful Summer together. Next Wednesday (2nd September) will soon be here and we will all meet again and start an exciting journey of fun-based learning! I cannot wait to meet you all! Mrs Kennedy will also be joining me in Reception Class to spread lots of happiness...I know that she is as excited as I am to see you! ☺

The last few months have been very difficult for us all so we know you may be feeling more anxious than usual about your child/ren starting school. We are aware that the majority of children have been away from nursery for a long time so may find it harder than usual to start school. Please be assured that our primary aim for your child, is for them to feel excited and happy about coming to school each and every day.

We will not place any expectations upon your child when they start school with us. This is a time, more so than ever, for your child to explore their new environment, meet old friends, make new friends, feel safe and loved and have **FUN!**

Learning will take place naturally through exploration and engagement during the first few weeks. We will share lots of stories together and even create own, using our imaginations. The classroom will be both indoors and outdoors; we will ensure that the interests of your child are embraced to encourage deeper learning, where possible. Both myself and Mrs Kennedy will capture these truly magical moments and record it within your child’s Learning Journal.

We are passionate about teaching children to read at any early age so that they can unlock magical lands to explore as soon as possible. We will send further information to you in September on how you can support your child at home to help make this happen ☺.

During our time together, we will be doing lots of exploring outdoors within the school grounds. Therefore, a pair of wellies will be needed to be left in school for the wet and muddy days ahead! Your child will also need a labelled water bottle to be brought into school daily, filled with fresh water. PE will be held on a Friday afternoon and the children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit. A change of clothes is also really helpful to have in school for those ‘just incase’ moments.

There is a letter on the school website that explains the finer details for dropping off and picking up your child/ren.

Please try not to fret (easier said than done, I know) as both myself and Mrs Kennedy will be there for your child/ren to support and nurture them every step of the way. We will be supporting the children over the lunchtime period for the first few weeks until they are comfortable and familiar with the routine.

Whilst you will not be able to enter the school building due to the necessary restrictions, we will always be available to talk to via telephone or email. We will ensure that you all receive a phone call part way through the day on the first day, just to reassure you.

I hope that you all enjoy the rest of the week and I am beyond excited to welcome your child/ren on their very first day at school. Take good care of each other until then.

Kindest Wishes

Miss Kelly x

Reception Class Teacher