

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Plumpton Primary School! We are very pleased to welcome you and your child to our learning family.

We have a number of events planned this Summer and Autumn Term to familiarise your child and family with Plumpton school.

School Website

Information for parents regarding the start of school, including a tour of our Early Years Foundation Stage can be found on the 'Starting School' tab at the top of the school website

Welcome Meeting

Attached to this email is a PDF presentation with information about our school. We will be holding a parent and child welcome session on June 22nd 23rd 1.30-2.30pm. You and your child can explore our outdoor area (1 adult only please), you can chat or ask questions to our Class Teacher Mrs Allen and Teaching Assistant Mrs Timmins. Each family will be invited to one session, details will follow later this term.

Outdoor 'Stay and Play' Sessions.

These provide an opportunity for you and your child to have a look at the classroom, meet other parents (again one parent only please) and the children can play together outside. These sessions will be held on July 6th and 7th 1.30-2.30pm. Each family will be invited to one session, details will follow later this term.

Parent Meetings

During the first week of September we will meet with every family individually to get to know you and find out about your child's development and interests. You will be able to ask questions and share information privately before your child starts school. These meetings will be held in school rather than a visit to your home, this is another opportunity for your child to visit the school before they start. The date and time of this meeting will follow later this term.

Starting School

Children will initially be offered part time sessions to enable a gradual settle and staff to get to know children. All children will be able to attend for a morning or afternoon session each day following our family meetings.

From the 15th September the children will be able to start school full time. A member of the Robin Class Team will greet your child at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do take the opportunity to find out how your child is getting on and pass on information.

Your child will need to wear their uniform and bring with them a named reusable bottle of water (a bookbag will be given to them in their first week). They will also need their PE kit (further details in your welcome pack coming soon). As we have forest school/welly walk each week please bring an all in one/waterproof set and wellies to keep in school. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

If your child is unwell, please phone the office by 9.15am and leave a message on the answer phone. We also ask that you notify us of any changes in emergency contact numbers.

What Next?

We encourage you to spend time talking to your child about starting school, to support you can use the virtual tour of Robin Class and stories read by Mrs Allen and Mrs Timmins on the 'starting school' section of our website. We have a joint transition project with East Sussex Nurseries which has a focus on Owl Babies, this will be our story when the children join so do share this book together.

Each family will have a welcome pack with lots of information about our school plus some documents for you to fill in and return to us at the family meeting. This will be provided at our welcome session on 22nd and 23rd June.

If you have any questions before this time, please email Mrs Ketley in the school office who will be very happy to help.

Best Wishes,

Marianne Allen

Robin Class Teacher