



**Autumn Term 1 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**W**elcome to the new academic year and your new class **Robins**.

Our year begins with '**settling in**' - an important time for your child to explore, find their way around their new environment, get to know their new teachers and start to embrace the whole new school experience.

The initial few weeks is a very important time for myself and my TA to get to know your children and build relationships with them. I want them all to feel happy, safe and secure from day one. Initially my main focus is to find out about what they enjoy doing, their interests, how they like to learn and support them in settling into reception class. This does not mean we won't be learning or exploring - believe me this starts the first day!

**Mrs Clutterham - Class Teacher**

**Mrs Webb – Robins Lead TA**

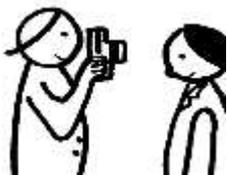
On Fridays I have my allocated planning/management time. Mrs Webb will lead the class on this day with additional support of another TA. You are still able to message me or Mrs Webb through class dojo if needed.

**What do I need to bring to school?**

PE will be on a Thursday so please ensure their PE bag is in School by next Thursday (week 2) Wellies can be brought in next week also.

Each child will need a named water bottle which they need to bring in every day.

***Week 2: One photograph of their family to be used for a display in the classroom.***



***One ceramic mug of their choice to be used for snack times this can be plain or have a character or name on whichever they prefer. The mugs will stay at School for the year.***

### **School Dinners & Packed lunch**

If your child is having school dinner with us please read the menu with them on the morning so they are aware of what the lunch is going to be. They will need to tell us when they come into school if they are having packed lunch or school dinners. Please note school dinners are free this year. Any changes to the school menu are sent via parentmail from the office.

<b>Timetable</b>	<b>8:50-11:45</b>	<b>11:50-1pm</b>	<b>1-1:10pm</b>	<b>1:10-3:15</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Whole School Assembly Phonics/Number Explore & Learn After ½ term Dance	Lunch	Stories, Wellbeing & Mindfulness	Explore & Learn
<b>Tuesday</b>	Phonics/Number Explore & Learn	Lunch	Stories, Wellbeing & Mindfulness	Explore & Learn
<b>Wednesday</b>	Phonics/Number Explore & Learn	Lunch	Stories, Wellbeing & Mindfulness	Explore & Learn
<b>Thursday</b>	Phonics/Number Explore & Learn PE (Jordan)	Lunch	Stories, Wellbeing & Mindfulness	Explore & Learn
<b>Friday</b>	Phonics/Number Explore & Learn After 1/2 term Parent/family reading 9-9:15am	Lunch	Stories, Wellbeing & Mindfulness	Explore & Learn

***Please note within Robins we have a flexible timetable the aim being that we can continue to follow child's interests 'in the moment' both in the outdoor and indoor classrooms supporting the EYFS curriculum.***

## **Communication**

Mrs Webb will be in the playground with a clipboard each morning to take any messages from parents. You will also be able to message me on class dojo and you can email me on [hclutterham@glemsfordprimaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:hclutterham@glemsfordprimaryacademy.co.uk) at anytime.

We use Class dojo as a positive reward system within the school both for each child and the class as a whole. I will also keep you updated with messages and photographs alongside Tapestry the online Learning journey. Check Tapestry/Class dojo regularly for updates on what we have been up to and please do contribute by making comments and adding photographs from home as this supports us working in partnership. The main school office will communicate via parentmail with any letters and you will be sent a termly calendar with events related to the whole school.

In reception we do not have formal homework – however to prepare them your child will start to bring home a picture book to share with you. This starts to introduce the concept of bringing a reading book home and build on what you do at home sharing stories. As we progress with our phonics/numbers the children will bring cards or activities to share with you. Your child may also bring a library book home. There is no pressure with these activities we want them to be fun and enable shared learning between home and School. This is how your child will learn best and build those important foundations - working and learning together.

Purple Mash, Literacy Planet, Sum dog – The children will be able access some of the programmes we use at school. The log in details will be added to the reading diaries in due course. There are lots of fun games and activities the children can explore which support learning skills.

Your child will bring home a 'Robins Home folder' which needs to come to school every day. These will be sent home in our first week. Within this folder we may send extra home letters/notes so please ensure you check these daily.

## **Additional notes:**

We will bring the children to the main playground at the end of the day so please wait in the playground and the children will go home one at a time from the line. We need to be informed of any changes to normal collection and you can contact the main office who will get the message to us at the end of the day.

PE will be on a Thursday morning this term and we will be having Coach Jordan. Please note children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE and require to have a PE kit. We send home the PE kit for washing every half term.

Clubs – please book via the main office – there is a sign up morning in the new term where you can put your child's name down for any clubs. Breakfast and afterschool club please book through the main office.

**Cooking/additional class activities** - voluntary donations suggested £10 each child for the year. Please send in an envelope to Mrs Clutterham in your child's book bag if you would like to make a voluntary contribution to our class kitty!

THANK  
YOU!



Our chickens – Cinnamon, Jemima, Cupcake and Hetty will be back shortly from their holiday at Mrs C's house! We will be selling eggs this term £1 a box to support our chicken feed fund. If you ever need any eggs you can message me or check the front office for boxes. Any vegetable scraps are welcomed food for them just no potato peelings thank you.

Robins will be visited by a Firefighter this term and we will be going to the Glemsford library in the Spring and Summer terms. We will be having a main trip in the summer term which we will confirm with you shortly. All the trip dates are on the school calendar.

Please don't be surprised that your child may start to feel extra tired and emotional during this first term. It is quite normal for this to happen as they adjust to coming full time and the new routines of school. Please continue to support them by being positive about the whole experience as this really helps.

**Top tip:** Lots of lovely sleep to rest and refresh the mind.

**It is a very busy life as a Robin - tweet tweet!**

I am very excited about my year together with your children. I hope you feel reassured your little ones are in safe hands.

**Let the fun begin.....**

**Kind regards**

*Mrs Clutterham*

**EYFS Lead & Reception Teacher**