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Dear Parents

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As you were aware on Wednesday 26th January we held a meeting for parents of our new Foundation intake. Not all parents / carers were able to make the meeting so, given the importance of the information, we thought we would share with you the main points.

In our F2 unit the children learn through a variety of approaches including carpet sessions, adult led activities and also child initiated activities.

The children are assessed in six different areas of learning:-

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development, PSED
- Communication, Language and Literacy, CLL
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, PSRN
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World, KUW
- Physical Development, PD
- Creative Development, CD

We are fortunate to have both a large inside and well equipped outside environment to ensure that your child makes the best possible progress in all the areas of learning.

To support your child in their learning we ask that your child brings their book bag and organiser in to school every day. Additionally, we ask that you hear your child read at least four times in a week and that any notes to us are written in the organiser.

Children who are just starting to read are given picture books to discuss. As a parent you could ask questions about each character, settings, events, author and illustrator etc.

As your child grows in confidence and ability, key words will be sent home for you to practise with your child.

At the back of this letter you will see how we teach Letters and Sounds, the correct formation of each letter of the alphabet and of numbers too.

In addition to the focus on Letters and Sounds we discussed a number of other issues:-

- We do not have a lost property box in school and we therefore ask that **all** clothing is named, including PE kits, footwear, hats and gloves. In this way we are able to return any items to children who may have mislaid their property.
- Your child is expected to change from their school clothes in to their PE kit independently and we ask that you practise this with them at home.
- We send PE kits home for washing at the end of each half term.
- We like to use the outside area in all weathers especially rainy days and we ask that, if you haven't already done so, you provide your child with a pair of named Wellington boots as soon as possible. Thank you.
- In school we have a Book Savings Club where your child can bring in to school a small amount of money each week, in a named envelope please. During the year we have book fairs where your child's savings can be used to purchase books. Book Club savings are to be sent in on a Tuesday.
- We aim to encourage independence at school and, due to the large number of children in the unit, we would appreciate it if your child could walk in to school, from the playground, on their own, by this half term. Please could your child enter the unit through the correct door for their registration group. Thank you.

If you are unsure about any aspect of this letter or of the attached handouts please speak to any member of the F2 unit at the end of the day.

The children have made a fantastic start to their school life at Chetwynd Road and with your support we can make a real difference.

Mrs Phillips

Mrs Dawkes

Miss Zuzarte

Mrs Keetley