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Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Middle Barton Primary School and to Acorns Class in particular.

I have included in this letter some helpful information about the forthcoming year, in terms of routines. There will be the opportunity to find out how your child has settled into the new school year on **Thursday 20th September** at a parent consultation session. I shall also be giving each child a 'maths pack' to use at home. *Please fill in the attached sheet with two preferred times and return by Tuesday 11th September.* I will let you know which one has been allocated to you.

Focus Children Approach

This year we will continue to use an approach to Early Years which particularly fosters your children becoming independent and motivated learners. This has proved to be very successful. When children are engaged in their own interests they learn at their best. Instead of having a topic that everyone has to take part in, once a term your child will be a 'focus' child for a week. It gives your child the opportunity to explore their particular interests/fascinations with an adult providing support and a chance to develop their thinking and ideas. During the following week after your child has been a 'focus child', you will have an opportunity to come in and discuss the specific teaching and learning that has taken place during that week. It also provides an excellent opportunity to discuss their progress and the next steps that would help your child's learning and understanding. This will replace the traditional whole school 'parents' evenings' that happen later in the year for Y1-6.

Homework

To read or listen to your child each night. This can include 'home books', library books or school books. We will begin to send home with your child school reading scheme books in a few weeks when the children have settled in and are more used to some of our routines.

Once your child is settled in, we will also send home a maths game once a fortnight for you to play with them.

Show and tell

If your child has had a particular experience, celebration or activity that they would like to share with us we are always happy for your child to bring in any objects or books to show the rest of the class. Other toys, such as cars or cuddly toys are safer staying at home, as they can get lost or broken, which causes unnecessary distress.



Healthy Snacks

The children are provided with fruit or vegetables for snacks by the Government free fruit scheme.

They are also provided with free milk, if they would like it.

Please can your child bring a bottle of water (no fruit flavoured water or squash please) into school each day.

PE

We will be having indoor PE on Friday mornings. We will use our hall time to do a variety of games and activities, such as ring games, dance, apparatus and parachute games. Please ensure your child has labelled blue shorts, Middle Barton logo polo shirt and plimsolls/trainers.

Wows!

As part of the Early Years Curriculum, it is so important for us to be able to use your special knowledge of your child to help us extend and encourage your child's interests and understanding. It also contributes to what we plan for the children.

I have attached to this letter three 'Wow' labels to fill in whenever your child does something at home that they or you are proud of and would like to share. It is always rewarding to hear the children talking about what is important to them!

When you have completed it please can you send it in with your child and they will have an opportunity to tell the rest of the class about it. If you need any more, there are spare ones on the Wow display board in the cloakroom area or please ask.

Key Person

Your child has also been allocated a Key Person, who will have an opportunity to spend time with your child in smaller 'family groups'. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to get to know an adult and their peers really well.

Your Child's Key Person is: _____

If you have any queries, please come and ask.

I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year, working with both your children and you.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Cox



Thursday 20th September Acorn Class Parents' Settling-In Appointment

Please write a number 1 or 2 in the two slots that you would like to request for your 1st and 2nd choices.

Child's name:

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