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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the new children in Foundation Stage (and their parents) for a really successful entry to school. The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and have settled into life at William Levick very well indeed!

This letter is intended to give you a brief outline of the work being covered in the Foundation Stage this half term and let you know other whole class messages.

Our Topic this half term is Autumn. If you have any books or artefacts that you think would be interesting to share with the class please bring them in.

Week 1	<u>Settling new starters</u> Introducing classroom rules and routines, school routines including assemblies, golden time etc. Phase 1 phonics to be taught. Baseline assessments to be completed of each child during this time also.
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	Phased phonics teaching begins, introduction to talking partners, recording sounds heard in words, careful counting, Autumn colours.
Week 6	Introduction to key words, news, matching quantity and numeral, Autumn walk.
Week 7	Simple sentence structures, ordering numbers, conkers and autumn art.

P.E.

PE will be on a Wednesday morning. We will be beginning PE from Wednesday 26th September. Children will need a P.E. kit as per the school uniform policy. Your child does not need P.E. shoes until the Summer term begins. You are recommended to leave your child's kit in school all week as we can have extra sessions from external providers. Please note children should have all jewellery removed (new earrings can be covered with plasters before the children come to school). Long hair should be tied back.

Guided reading

Over the half term we will begin reading in class and hope to hold a reading workshop later in the term to give parents an overview of the way reading is taught.





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Wellies

We endeavour to use our outside learning space in all weathers. Please could you provide your child with a pair of named wellies to leave in school. As a vast amount of our learning space is grass, children will not be able to utilise this area without them.

Snack

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat outside at playtime should they wish. Other children tend to choose fruit, breadsticks, cheese, yogurt etc. This is in addition to the free fruit provided by Derbyshire County Council.

Information from pre-school/nursery settings

Thank you to those parents who have already passed on files from previous settings. We are in the process of gaining the information we need from these and they will be returned to you shortly.

Staffing

This year Mrs Wileman will not be teaching on Thursdays; this will be her time to undertake planning and preparation for the class and fulfil her leadership responsibilities. She will however be in school on this day. Mrs Youdan will be covering the class each Thursday. She has already spent some time meeting the children this week. She will follow Mrs Wileman's planning each Thursday morning and will focus on Life Skills and music on a Thursday afternoon.

Jofli Bear

Jofli is our class teddy bear. He will go home with a different child each evening, the 'Star of the Day', who has displayed a great attitude in class. Inside Jofli's rucksack is an exercise book. We ask that you write a few sentences to let us know what Jofli has been up to during the evening spent in your home; you may also wish for your child to draw a picture or stick in a photograph. Please return Jofli to school the next morning so your child can share Jofli's diary with the class.

Birthdays

You are welcome to bring a small treat/goody for each child to celebrate your child's birthday should you wish. However, please note we ask these are individually wrapped e.g. small packets of sweets, mini chocolate bars etc. This helps us to keep those children with specific dietary requirements safer. We have 29 children in the class.

Seesaw

You will shortly receive another letter about the online learning journal 'Seesaw'. With the new GDPR regulations we need your permission to use this journal, after we have gained this we will send out the information about how to access your child's learning at home.





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Child Protection and Safety

Following the review of our school's anti-bullying procedure in line with our complaints procedure we would like to point out the following school procedures to parents.

We have a number of in-school mechanisms for encouraging children to feel comfortable to speak out about situations in which they feel unhappy or unsafe. Every classroom has a discrete method for children to inform an adult that they wish to have a conversation or share a concern. In Foundation Stage this system includes our 'I want to tell a grown up' balloon.

If you have any questions about any matter, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Mrs Wileman

Mrs Templeman

