

# Early Years Newsletter

Welcome to your first term in Balfour Infant School. We hope your child is enjoying their start to school, having fun and learning lots.

## What are we learning this term?

Our focus this term is to ensure the children settle into school well, and are happy and confident with the routines of school life. We also introduce our golden rules.

- +We are kind and gentle.
- +We move around school safely.
- +We always try our best.
- +We look after toys and property.
- +We take turns to speak.
- +We tell the truth.

### PE Days

We won't be getting changed for a couple more weeks. We will also start slowly by only changing our shoes etc.

#### **Our PE days are:**

Butterflies: Wednesday  
Caterpillars: Thursday  
Flowers: Friday

### **Reading Books**

We will start sending home reading books in the next couple of weeks. Your child will have a yellow reading record for you to comment on your child's reading.

### **Library books**

Starting from next week your child will choose a book from the school library that they would like to share with you at home. Please could you return the book the following week on their library day.

Flowers: Monday

Butterflies: Thursday

Caterpillars: Friday



### **At home keep practising:**

Your child being able to recognise and write their names.  
Counting back and forth with counting games and songs

### **Tapestry**

We will send home your log in details for tapestry in the next couple of weeks.

### **Phonics Parent workshop**

We will be doing a Phonics workshop for parents on **Wednesday 5th October**. It will be roughly thirty minutes from 9:05 in the school hall. We will go through how we teach Phonics in Year R and ways to support your child at home.

### **Quick Reminders!**

Don't forget to bring the contact book, book-bag and water bottle to school everyday!  
Please can it just be water in water bottles.  
We go outside every day so your child needs to bring their coat to school every day.

#### **Snack**

Remember it is just savoury crackers, fresh fruit or vegetables for the children's snacks. Please can any fruit such as grapes be cut up.

#### **Earrings**

We do have a school no earring policy. Children are able to wear the plastic retainer earrings temporarily if they have an infection or have just had their ears pierced.



Thank you for sending your children in looking so smart in their new school uniforms. Please make sure everything is named (including their PE kit) so we can make sure you get everything back!