



Building each other up –
with God as our firm foundation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted with the start our new Reception have made – they are settling into school brilliantly! Staff are working hard to establish clear routines and boundaries and are encouraging the children to develop their early independence skills. HOWEVER, this does take time and 27 little people in class translates into 27 jumpers and/or cardigans, water bottles, bags, coats and many more things! As I'm sure you will appreciate, it can be a challenge for staff to ensure that things don't go missing or get mixed up.

We fully appreciate the frustrations families feel when items don't end up coming home at the end of the day or go missing.

To help us manage this and give the best chance of the correct items going home with the correct owner at the end of the day, we ask that parents can do the following...

Ensure that **ALL** items are **CLEARLY** labelled with **your child's name** before it comes into school. This includes cardis/jumpers and hoodies, shoes, coats, hats/gloves/scarves, lunchboxes and water bottles...literally everything!

Send in a spare set of clothes for your child to change into should they have an accident. We only have a small number of spare items available, and we also find that children are often far more comfortable changing into their own clothes if possible.

Regularly check uniform items at home in case your child has accidentally brought another child's home (and if this is the case, please send the item back into school).

If you have any spare items at home (pants, socks, tights). Please send them in for us to add to our 'spares' box.

We do have 'lost property bins' in school where left items are placed. Please ask a member of staff should you need to check these.

As you know, on Tuesdays, our Early Years children enjoy a Wild Tribes session each week. On this day, please send your child to school in;

Leggings or joggers
and

A long sleeved top or jumper (for Health and Safety reasons, arms and legs must be covered.)

Please also send in a pair of wellies (NAMED!) to keep in school and depending on the weather forecast; a warm/waterproof coat, hat/sun hat, scarf, suncream.

And finally, as the saying goes...one man's rubbish is another man's treasure...! There are lots of items that you may no longer use / need / want anymore – if so, before throwing them out – please consider whether Early Years could make use of them!

At the moment, they are particularly looking for big/ small cardboard boxes, tubes, toilet rolls, washing powder boxes (**anything** that could be used for junk modelling/ construction), or any small world toys 🧸, animals, jigsaws, loose parts at home.

We would particularly like to create a mud kitchen area in the EYs Wild Tribes garden. If any of our families are having their kitchen replaced or if any of our parents work in a trade and might be about to source some kitchen items (taps, sinks etc) please let us know! Kitchen items such as pots and pans, bowls, spoons etc would also be gratefully received!

Best wishes,

Mrs Ferretti
Headteacher.

Ms B Clarke
Early Years Leader