Welcome to Nursery

We warmly welcome you to the Nursery at Beaconsfield Primary School and are looking forward to meeting you all in September. Most of the information you need can be found on our school website https://www.beaconsfieldprimary.org.uk/ but here are a few things that are important to know before your child starts Nursery.

Here are some useful tips on how to help your child settle in the new environment:

- If your child is not used to spending time away from you, it's a good idea to get them used to it. If possible, get a friend or family member to look after your child for a short period of time to prepare them for being away from you. Always say goodbye and tell them you will be back soon to reduce potential anxiety.
- If you live near the Nursery, every time you walk past it, point it out and talk about it so it feels part of their life.
- Look at the 'Welcome to Beaconsfield Primary School' booklet for the children that can be found on the school website. It contains photos of their classroom and important areas of the school.
- Be positive and cheerful about this new chapter in your child's life.

Promoting Independence

- If is important to use the time between now and September to potty-train your child if they are not potty-trained already. Don't worry if your child is not 100% confident.
- Teach your child to put on their jumper/coat/hat/gloves by themselves to boost their levels of confidence and independence. Don't worry about the zips but if you feel your child is ready to have a go then let them try.
- It's a children's social and listening skills that will help them more than anything else to settle in. The best way to practise their listening skills is to listen to stories.

Your first day at Nursery

- Please pay attention to your child's **start date**. It is important that your child starts Nursery on this particular date so that everything is ready for them.
- Please bring your child to Nursery through the Nursery entrance on Beaconsfield Road. Our morning session is **8:30am-11:30am** and the afternoon Nursery session is **12:30pm-3:30pm**. Please do not be late dropping-off and picking-up your child.
- You are expected to stay for some of the session to help your child settle in and complete a short questionnaire about your child. It will also be an opportunity for you to have a chat with the Nursery teacher and teaching assistant/s. If we think that your child is not ready to separate from you for the whole session, you might be able to stay for longer or we can gradually extend sessions for your child.

Uniform

- Your child is expected to wear school uniform every day. It is helpful if your child has a white polo shirt rather than buttoned sleeves as we take part in lots of messy play.
- Please ensure that **ALL** items of uniform are **CLEARLY NAMED** (including coats, shoes, hats etc.)
- Sensible shoes are a must! The children will be taking part in lots of physical activities.

What you need to bring to Nursery

- Please provide a bag of spare clothes that can be left at Nursery should your child need to be changes.
- Please provide a water bottle with your child's name on it. Children will also have access to milk (registration needed) and a healthy snack at snack-time. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please inform a member of staff.
- Please do not send children to Nursery with toys, snacks or birthday treats.

Cooking in Nursery

- Throughout the year, the children will be cooking together. Cooking is a great opportunity for the children to practise their language, maths and skill in using tools and equipment.

In order to provide varied cooking experiences, we will collect a voluntary contribution. You will be reminded about this collection once your child begins Nursery.

Communication and Partnership with Parents

- Most of the answers to commonly asked questions can be found on our website https://www.beaconsfieldprimary.org.uk/ For example, what the children will be learning each term.
- Most of our communication with parents is via the 'My Child at School (MCAS)' app. Please download this app and 'enable notifications. https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin
  If you need any support setting this up, please contact the school office.
- We will be holding a series of Parent Workshops and 'Stay and Play' sessions throughout the year. Please attend if you can.

See you soon! ☺