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Dear Butterfly Parents and Carers,

21st September 2020

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first three weeks in Reception. All children have settled in well and are enjoying their new learning environment and building friendships.

If you have not already done so, please can you send in a pair of named wellington boots as soon as possible for your child to use during water play, mud and play outdoor play. These will be stored on the Early Years wellington racks.

May we also remind you that all clothes worn for school should be clearly named; this includes coats, shoes hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you.

Phonics Presentation Monday 5th October, 3.15-4.00

We would like to invite you to a short presentation about how we teach phonics in Reception and how you can support your child's phonic development at home. This will be held in a socially distanced way in the Upper School Hall. At the end of the session you will be given the opportunity to walk through the Reception classroom to have a look at the learning environment before collecting your child.

We are able to offer this to one adult per family - we suggest that the adult who will be most frequently supporting Phonics home learning attends. To help to enable you to attend we will keep the Reception children playing in the classroom until 4 p.m. Unfortunately, you will have to make alternative arrangements for younger children or the collection of children who are in other classes. We cannot offer them childcare as well.

On that afternoon, instead of coming to the usual Reception pick up area to collect your child we'd like you to come to the Upper School Hall for 3:10. Come through the main entrance car park area as usual (Photo 1) but once you have passed the outside of the Upper School Hall (Photo 2), stop opposite the smaller kitchen gate (Photo 3). Someone will be waiting at the gate from 3:10 to invite you into the hall. If there is no-one there please wait by the wall opposite the gate, allowing parents and children to pass you as they leave school.

Please could you bring with you your child's organiser (please remove this from their bag on the morning before they come to school) and your own pen / pencil.

We sincerely hope that someone from your family is able to attend - please could you reply to this e-mail address (reception@tanfieldleaprimary.co.uk) letting us know whether someone will be able to attend.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you then,

Mrs Geach (Dragonfly Teacher and Early Years Lead)

Enter the usual way through the Main Entrance (Photo 1). Walk past the Upper School Hall towards the yard (Photo 2). Stop on the socially distanced line nearest to the small gate on your right hand side, opposite the kitchen. Someone should be there to meet you and invite you in to the hall from 3:10 p.m..







Photo 1 Photo 2 Photo 3





















