



Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery

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Welcome to the Nursery at Lickey Hills Primary School

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you for allowing us to visit your children at home and for making us feel so welcome, home visits are a valuable part of our induction process and allow the children to get to know us a little more before starting here at Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery. The children were all delightful and it was lovely to see them eagerly waiting to meet us and share their toys! We hope we have been able to answer all of your questions but do feel free to get in touch if we can help with anything else. Our school email address is office@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk if you do have any queries.

Over the next few weeks we look forward to settling your children into Nursery as we start Autumn term. Every child is different and each cope differently to beginning at a new setting, therefore we will work with you to support your child during dropping off and saying goodbye time each day. We are always available to support in this process if you wish. Sometimes a child may settle well initially and then become unsettled after a few weeks. This is a common behaviour as the children realise they are coming to Nursery every week and usually lasts a short period of time so please try not to worry. If your child is finding it hard to settle each morning then we will contact you so we can work together on finding ways to help with this transition. There will also be a member of staff available on the phone if you wish to check on how they are once they have been dropped off - we know leaving an upset child can be just as stressful for the parent as it is for the child so do please contact us for reassurance if needed.

In Nursery we aim to develop the children's learning through their own interests and stories that they love. However initially as part of getting to know each other and becoming familiar with Nursery we will develop activities around a theme of: 'Will you be my friend?'. This is centred around making friends, learning about ourselves and our families and homes and exploring our bodies. In addition to this we will be learning about Autumn, Divali, Bonfire night and, of course, Christmas!

During the year we will endeavour to keep you fully informed through text messages, emails and the blue communication folders, which will come home on your child's last session of the week. Once empty, the blue communication folder needs to be returned on your first day back to Nursery. Children do not need to bring in an additional bag other than this communication folder. This helps to ensure we do not miss any communication that has been placed in a bag that remains unseen on your child's peg. In addition, we have invited you to join 2Simple, our electronic observation programme so you can share in your child's learning. Please let us know if you have any problems receiving these emails so we can rectify this. You will also be able to see some of the fun we have been having in Nursery by checking out our Nursery web page. Nursery staff will also be available at the end of a session once all the children have been safely released if you wish to speak to us. Please remember if you need to have a longer conversation you will need to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

And lastly, just a few reminders; Please ensure you have returned any outstanding forms to us from your induction packs and the voluntary creative fund if you wish to contribute - this fund really does help us to make the year extra special for all of the children with cooking, food tasting and creative activities. Can you also check that **all** items of clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles etc are clearly labelled with your child's name. Water bottles need to be returned pre-filled with water each day. Please provide a spare clothes bag in a draw string bag which can hang on your child's peg and a PE bag which will be placed in baskets on the shelves in the cloakroom.

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Finally, we would like to thank you for your support so far. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year working together to ensure your child gets the most from their pre-school year.

Kind regards

Jo Reading - Nursery Teacher and Debbie Green- Nursery Teaching Assistant

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