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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Autumn 2 Term. The children have all made a great start in our Early Years unit and are starting to learn our routines. Remember if you have any queries you can request a chat at the end of the day. If you need to speak to speak to Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Blythe, please let us know when you get to the front of the line and we will ask you to wait with your child at a social distance from other parents, until all the children have been reunited with their parents. You can also email us with queries at the addressees below. Our topic this half term is '**All About Me**'. Please find a planning overview for this half term attached detailing the curriculum areas we will be covering. It also includes some general information.

In addition to this information, please can you ensure your child has a **coat in school every day** as the weather is very variable at the moment and if we get a sudden heat wave, please send sun cream and a hat.

#### **Electronic Learning Journals:**

We will be using an online system of recording your child's learning in Nursery and Reception this year. We use the School360 platform to create an online learning journal which has proved an exciting way of tracking our children's development and recording their experiences and activity during the school day. We will be able to instantly upload photographs and observational notes detailing your child's activity in school. You will be able to log in to School360 to view your child's learning journal, add your own comments to entries and can even add your own photographs and notes. Anything added to your child's School360 learning journal can only be viewed by school staff and you using your own unique log in details. You will only have access to your own child's journal, and this cannot be seen by other parents. If your child is not already on this system from Nursery last year, you will shortly receive an invite to register for the **EYFS360** program. You will need to download the **EYFS360 mobile app** on a phone, tablet or desktop computer which is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play. You will be provided with an EYFS360 account. Your account has a username (the email address you have supplied to school) and Password (this is set by you during the invite process).

**Reading books:**

All Reception children will have a reading book each week. These will be usually be sent home on **Tuesdays** or **Wednesdays** to be returned the following **Tuesday**. In addition the children will sometimes bring home one of our 'core books' from the year which will be very familiar to them. Please read these to your child and encourage them to join in where they can.

**Phonics Homework:**

Reception children will also all have Phonics homework sent home on Wednesdays to be collected in on the following **Wednesday**.

**Please don't hesitate to request a chat with one of us after school, if you have any queries, however small about this or any other matters about your child. We are always happy to make a time to talk with you.**

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Melanie Wilkinson**, EYFS Teacher (Monday mornings, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays)

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