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Dear Parents,

Welcome the start of the Autumn 1st term. The children have all made a great start in our new Early Years unit and are starting to learn our new routines. Thank you for your patience as we establish these routines especially in the morning and at home time. Remember if you have any queries you can speak to Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Blythe at the end of the day after all the children have been reunited with their parents. 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.

Electronic Learning Journals:

We have chosen to use an online system of recording your child's learning in Nursery and Reception this year. School360 is a learning platform used in school for a variety of purposes, it includes resources and activities to enhance teaching and learning in school. The School360 platform now includes an online learning journal which is a new and exciting way of tracking your child'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. The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. 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. As soon as we have all the children on our admin system with **an email** you will 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). We hope to have this up and running in the next couple of weeks so watch this space!

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 come and find 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
Mrs Karen Blythe, Class 2/EYFS Teacher

Here is a timetable so you know which staff are in Early Years each day:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Parker Miss Holmes	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Porteus Miss Holmes	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Parker Miss Holmes	Mrs Blythe Miss Holmes	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Parker Miss Holmes
Afternoon	Mrs Blythe Mrs Parker Miss Holmes	(Mrs Blythe TIC) Mrs Porteus Mrs Parker Miss Holmes	(Mrs Wilkinson TIC) Mrs Porteus Mrs Parker Miss Holmes	Mrs Blythe Miss Holmes	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Parker Miss Holmes

TIC= Teacher in Charge