



Dear Families,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are ready to go again for the new school year! A warm welcome to our new families we look forward to getting to know you.

This half term our topic questions for learning are:

## Who am I?



## Who helps us in our community?



These themes will help the children settle in happily, get to know each other and find out information about themselves and others. We will start by reading 'The Family Book' and 'It's Ok to be Different' by Todd Parr and learn about different families and what makes us special. We will then move onto thinking about people who help us in our family, in our community and in the wider world. We will be reading 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst and considering our connections to others even when they are not with us in the classroom. We will consider how unique we are and our similarities and differences to others using books such as 'Same, Same but Different' by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw.

Alongside this we will be learning about the interests of the children, and we may also run smaller themes alongside these, depending on what we observe the children doing and showing an interest in.

### How can you help?

If you have any resources at home that you feel may be useful to support our learning, then please do send them into school.

This might be:

- Books about different families, cultures, and people
- Family photos in non-breakable frames
- Boxes and containers for Junk modelling

In addition to this there are also a few things that we would like to make you aware of:

- Library books are changed for Nursery and Reception children on Wednesdays. Please send their book into school when they have finished with it. It can be left in their drawer until the Wednesday.
- Please provided spare clothes which can be left on your child's peg in case of little accidents.
- Every Wednesday in Little Acorns the children will have the chance to use the apparatus in the hall. Although this is not a formal PE lesson **it is important that the children wear suitable clothing** (e.g., leggings, jogging bottoms t-shirts, jumpers) **to school that day so that they are able to** join in and it will help us to ensure your child's safety when using the apparatus.
- On Tuesdays Reception children have a PE lesson. They will get changed into a PE kit for this and need **navy or black shorts, a white t shirt and black pumps**. Please name their PE kit and it can be left in school in a pump bag on their peg. PE kit can be purchased through the school office if you wish.

Please feel free to ask if you have any questions, we are always happy to help.

*Acorns Team*

## Dates for your diary

### September

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Open Classroom 3.15pm – 3.45pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jeans 4 Genes
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Parents Eve Drop In 3.30-5pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> - MacMillan Fundraiser
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Great News Assembly

### October

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Great News Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Wellbeing Wednesday
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Harvest – donations for to Smart Move
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Great News Assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> Half Term

We will send more information about all these dates closer to the time.

