



Dear Families,

A big warm welcome to Oaks class to those who are joining us from Little Acorns and a big warm welcome back to our returning members of Oaks. We hope that you have had a wonderful summer and that your child is ready for another exciting year at Stubbings!

**Our Big Learning Question for this half term is 'How has life changed?'; please see attached curriculum coverage for further details.**

## Our Routines

- The school gate opens at 8:45am and closes at 9am. The children begin their day with a 'soft start' in the classroom with a range of activities (for example construction, drawing, spellings, handwriting, reading, arithmetic). Miss Woodhurst will be in the classroom supporting the children with the activities and routines whilst Miss Lund will be outside greeting the children and taking any messages you may have. At the end of the day, at 3:15pm, we will all be outside to say our goodbyes, share great news about your child's learning and answer any questions you may have.
- We teach phonics and practice reading every day. Spelling is an embedded aspect of our phonics teaching and you will receive details of your child's spellings every week on Class Dojo.
- PE will take place every Monday and Friday afternoon.

## How can you help?

- Please listen to your child read as often as possible, we recommend at least 3 times a week. Reading books will be changed every Monday and Thursday. Please record all reading in your child's reading record – this could be their reading book, library book or any other reading your child engages with!
- Help your child to practice their Spellings. Details of your child's weekly spellings will be shared on Class Dojo.
- Please help your child to prepare for their Show and Tell if you can, each child will receive a date to present their show and tell once throughout the half-term. Please avoid bringing in special belongings or toys on other days, unless this has been agreed to support transition from home to school.
- Provide your child with a bag for school every day, ideally one which can fit A4 letters and books, a water bottle and a reading wallet – **book bags are great for this!**
- **Please provide your child with a PE kit inside a pump bag to be kept in school.** Your child's PE kit should consist of blue shorts, white t-shirt, pumps or trainers.
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle from home to use daily.

Please feel free to catch us for a chat and ask any questions, we are always happy to help.

From everyone in the Oaks Team 😊

## Dates for your diary

- ✓ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm
- ✓ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Jeans 4 Genes day
- ✓ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Drop-in Parents Evening 3:30-5pm
- ✓ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Great News Assembly
- ✓ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Morning
- ✓ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Great News Assembly
- ✓ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assembly
- ✓ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Wellbeing Wednesday
- ✓ Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Bikeability
- ✓ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Great News Assembly
- ✓ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half-term break

