

# WELCOME TO EARLY YEARS

## WHAT IS EYF?

The early years Foundation stage is from birth-5. Children learn through play and exploration. Adults will teach through 1:1, group or whole class interactions and lessons based on children's interests. More info is available on our website!

## COMMUNICATION

Teachers are always stood at the classroom entrance at drop off and pick up. Please pass on any messages to us!

Tapestry is a platform for teachers, key workers and parents to share children's wow moments and development to create a learning journal.

Memos will be posted on tapestry by teachers including a weekly round up.

Please email [office@bushmead.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bushmead.cambs.sch.uk) or phone (01480) 375375 for general messages and alternative pick up arrangements.

## HOME LEARNING

We work as a partnership to ensure your child reaches their full potential! Please read the weekly round up and to find out how support your child with that week's learning.

We expect **daily** reading with children. Please record in your child's reading diary

A phonics worksheet will be sent home every Friday. Please tailor to suit your child.

## FOOD AND DRINK

Your child will choose their lunch on arrival each day.

Soft plastic water bottles-named.

We provide a rolling snack bar.

To support us with cooking and encouraging new foods, we ask for a contribution of £2 every half term via parent pay!

## CLOTHING

- Please see uniform policy on website- clothing that encourages independence
- Book bag every day
- Wellies and waterproof clothing
- Spare set of clothes to be kept at school
- PE kit (**After Christmas break**)

**Please label absolutely everything!**



## READING

Reading **every day** is really important! We teach through daily phonics sessions, 3x reading practice sessions, daily story times and reading through daily routines and in play.

We will hold a phonics workshop on 23rd September.

Our expectation at Bushmead is that your child participates in a reading activity **every day**. Please record this in your child's reading diary.

Examples: Reading phonics book, read for pleasure, listen to a story, help to follow a recipe, spot letters in your environment, phonics games.



## FOREST SCHOOL

Your child will attend Forest School every other Monday afternoon (Starting with Oak class on 30th September, followed by Ash class on 7th October). Please bring a bag of waterproof clothing that will get muddy for you child to change in to!

## STAY AND PLAY

We host half termly stay and play afternoons to give you the opportunity to learn and play at school! Information of dates will follow.

## BEHAVIOUR

We have a therapeutic approach to behaviour and use our 'Ready, respectful, safe' values as a mantra.

We use restorative conversations and reflection time as a way to support children with learning to be 'ready, respectful and safe' at Bushmead.

## TRIPS AND VISITS

Most of our visits are free however some may require a small charge. You will be given plenty of notice and they will be payable on parentpay.

## VOLUNTEERS WITH US!

We love to have volunteers at school, particularly to support reading and forest school. If you are interested in volunteering please speak to Miss Buck or Mrs Martin!

