



## WORKSOP PRIORY C of E ACADEMY

### Foundation Stage Newsletter

### Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you and a warm welcome to all families who are joining our Foundation Stage Unit (FSU) for the very first time. Our group names are the 'Roaring Rockets', 'Shooting Stars' and 'Mars'.

The topic this term is 'Bears' and we have a number of very exciting books to share together. We are encouraging your child's love of reading and writing by giving them a bear cave and 'challenges' to write on our large white boards using their letter sound knowledge. We can't wait to send home the 'Bear Back Packs' for you and your child to record all the adventures they have in their diaries.

We aim to learn and explore facts about many different types of bears and their habitats. At the end of the topic we plan to take all the children to Clumber Park to go on a bear hunt!

In RE this term we shall be looking at Chinese New Year, the Easter Story, and love is ...

Our FSU class blog can be found on the school website - [www.worksoppriory.org.uk](http://www.worksoppriory.org.uk) this is updated weekly telling you what we have been up to and asks your child a question or two to support their learning. Ideally we would like your child to leave us a comment on the blog with your help.

Marvellous Me: we are sending messages, activities and badges to you in order to ensure you are aware of your child's learning, progress and achievements and can talk about school with your child. Please keep sending us the Hi 5s back so we know you are getting the information. Each week we will choose a child who we think has been 'a star of the week' and award them a badge and certificate. In Mars we will also choose 'a star of the day' too and children will receive a sticker. We will continue to praise all children for their good behaviour and work, please ask them what they have earned their stickers for.

A special thank you for supporting us to encourage all our children to be interested in, love and care for books. We continue to aim for all children to become independent readers both in school and at home. Keep bringing in your book bags daily and we will exchange books for you to share at home. Don't forget to record their reading in the log provided.

The children are continuing to learn their Maths using our CLIC and SAFE approach to learning.

The part-time children will continue to bring home a piece of work weekly linked to their learning or the book of the week. Mars children's work will be collected in their topic book and art folders for you to look at in the share the learning sessions. We meet with parents/carers each term and will text information to you. Please check your texts and remember if you change your mobile number to leave your new number at the school office.

Snack this term will continue to be provided from a range of healthy food. We will be following recipes, preparing a range of foods using baking tools and even have porridge just like 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. May we thank you for your continued support in enabling us to do this.

As you can appreciate the weather is changeable, but we will still be providing an exciting outdoor curriculum for our children whenever we can. Please send your child to school in a warm waterproof coat daily. For their safety please ensure they have sensible footwear for climbing and no jewellery of any kind. Remember to leave their PE bag on their peg on a Monday until Friday as PE times can change. If your child has stud earrings be sure they have their plasters or micro-pore tape in their PE bag to cover them.

If your child is upset at the start of the session, please be assured that it will not take long for them to settle. We find the best thing to do on these occasions is for you to exit as quickly as possible. Children invariably stop crying within a few minutes as soon as they are busy. Please feel free to ring the school office to confirm your child has settled as we don't want you to be worrying.

In the event that your child is unwell, particularly if they are sick or have diarrhoea, please do not send them to FSU. We continue to try our utmost to reduce the spread of infection and appreciate your support with so many young children and busy hands in one place!

Tea towels are available to purchase which have the pictures the children have drawn of themselves and their teachers. All of the money goes to our school fund.

The school is launching 'Life Savers' – a banking programme to support children in learning about money and saving. Parents/carers have been invited to help run the scheme in school, if you are interested please speak to a staff member. More information will be forwarded to you.

In school we are able to offer wrap around care. All children who are on roll can attend our clubs. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45 am and Twilight Club runs from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. Many of our children enjoy the clubs and they have a friendly face, as some of our staff work in the club too. A range of ages of children attend and you are welcome to call in and have a look. Places are usually available on the day or can be booked in advance, just contact the school office.

Further to this, if you would like to pay to extend part time hours so that children can stay in FSU all day, please ask for details.

Attendance is very important to your child's education and our target is 96% for full-time children. Congratulations to the children in Mars who received their awards last term. You will be receiving our Term Time dates and Priory Academy holidays sheet shortly, please take note as we may be slightly different to other schools.

We look forward to working with you during another exciting term and if you do have any questions, thoughts or concerns please speak to any member of the team.

Best Wishes

The Foundation Stage Team

Mrs Neal (Foundation Stage Lead), Mrs Forman, and Miss Brown

Mrs Cawte (Foundation Stage teacher), Miss May, and Mrs Peel.

Mrs Hurt (admissions support)