

11th May 2022

Dear Parents of.....

Thank you for choosing to send your child to Witchampton C of E First School. We are looking forward to a long and successful partnership during your child's time with us.

We have planned a series of events and activities to make starting school as enjoyable and smooth as possible. These include:

- Hedgehog Club (visits made by the children to their new classroom)
- New Parents' Meeting
- Sports Day
- Teachers visiting Pre-Schools
- Home Visits

Hedgehog Club

There will be opportunities for your child to meet the Foundation Team including their class teachers, in their new classroom. These visits will be on:

- **Friday 24th June 1.45p.m - 2.45 p.m**
- **Tuesday 5th July 1.45p.m - 2.45 p.m**
- **Monday 11th July 1.45p.m - 2.45 p.m**

Ideally, the children will feel happy to stay by themselves on the second and third visits, but adults may stay if necessary.

New Parents' Meeting

On **Tuesday 21st June** from **6.00 pm – 7.00pm**, you are invited to our New Parents' Meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other members of staff who will be sharing your child's education throughout the school.

There will be a short talk with contributions from members of the school community, followed by an opportunity to ask questions. There will also be a chance to spend time in your child's classroom and to prepare a surprise for your child's first day!

During the evening you can also purchase/order school uniform, ready for September. If you have not already done so, please could you bring your child's birth certificate to the meeting, so that we can complete our records. There will also be an induction pack given out on the evening.

Please indicate on the form below how many people will be attending the meeting in order that we can plan seating and refreshments accordingly. This meeting is intended for parents and carers only.

Sports Afternoon

On **Wednesday 24th of June** from **1.30pm-3.15pm**, the school will be holding a Sports Afternoon. Your child is very welcome to attend and watch; there will also be a chance to join in when we have the Pre-School Race!

Teachers visiting Pre-Schools

We will also be visiting your child in their pre-school. This gives us a valuable insight into the learning environment they have experienced and a chance to liaise with their key worker. Please let us know where your child attends pre-school on the form below and we will contact the pre-schools to arrange these visits.

Home Visits

There will also be an opportunity in September for us to visit your child in their own home. The visits last for around 15 minutes and provide a valuable time to discuss your child and for the children to build a relationship with their teachers in their own home environment. Please fill in your home address,(including post-code) in the section below, so that we can organise a visit.

We hope you find these arrangements convenient, please ring the school if you have any questions or concerns. We are really excited to welcome you to the family that is, Witchampton Church of England First School.

Autumn Term : Staggered Starting Times

In the Autumn term all children in Reception will start school on **Thursday 8th September**. We would like to stagger the start times for the first two days (Thursday and Friday) to allow us to greet your child as part of a small group. In this way, the children can receive as much individual attention as possible. Your child's start time will be confirmed to you soon. Should you have any further queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Green
Early Years Lead

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New Parents' Evening

I/we will be attending the New Parents' Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 21st June

I/we will need _____ seats.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer of _____

My home address (including postcode and any helpful directions!) is:

My child's pre-school is _____

We would be grateful if you could return this slip to the school office by Monday 23rd May.