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Dear mums, dads and carers,

Welcome

We would very much like to welcome all the new children and their parents and carers as well as the children who attended last year. It's lovely to see how well they are settling in and how they are already beginning to join in with the exciting play on offer! Your child's Key Workers are here to help them with the settling in process so they will work with you about how best to support your child.

We would also like to welcome two new members of staff. Tony Keenan is a teacher who will be working here every Thursday and John Coggin is our new After School Club leader.

Bernice

I am sure you are all aware that Bernice is expecting her second child on the 2nd November. She will be going on maternity leave on the 2nd October so I am sure you will all want to join us in wishing her all the very best.

Decorating

You have probably noticed that the nursery has had a make-over during the summer holiday! The staff have all been working really hard to re-arrange the nursery environment in order to provide a positive and enabling place for the children to learn. It's been lovely to hear the positive comments from you all!

Name cards

We have a new system for the children's name cards. They will have a picture on them that coincides with their story group. If their story group changes we will also change the picture on their cards. If you come in one day and notice a different picture please note that you will be collecting them from a different location! Please encourage your children to find their name themselves rather than you finding it for them. This will help with name recognition.

Spare Clothes

Please make sure that you provide your child with a spare bag of clothes. Even though we do our very best to remind children to use the toilet, occasionally they forget when they are so absorbed in the exciting play on offer!

Nappies and Toilet training

If your child is in nappies or in the middle of toilet training please could you **not** put your child in pull-ups. There are two reasons for this. The first reason is that it is difficult to take these off your child when they are on the changing mat. The second and most important reason is that they are not a substitute for pants as your child is still able to use them in the same way as nappies. If they are using the toilet they need to be in pants. Please see your child's Key Worker to discuss this.

Names on Coats

Please make sure that you write your child's name in their coat, hats, scarves and gloves as well as their back packs.

Medication

If your child requires medication such as an asthma pump or cream for excema please give it to your child's Key Worker with their name on it. It will then be locked in our medical cupboard.

Mobile Phones

Please make sure that you do not use a mobile phone once you walk through the entrance to the Nursery school. This includes reading and sending texts and emails and taking photos.

New Parent's Meeting

Friday 25th September

The meeting for new parents/carers will be in the kitchen area at **9.15am** and **1.00pm**. Please make sure that you attend as you will be given some very important information about the nursery. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

School Photographer

Tuesday 3rd November

The photographer will be in all day to take individual photos of the children which you will be able to buy.

International Day

Tuesday 17th November

On this day we will be having a lunch for all the children, parents and carers. We would welcome contributions of food from all over the world. It would also be fantastic if the children could wear the national costume of the country that their family is from. Even better if parents wear costumes which represent their home country! We hope to have some drummers here and if there are any parents who would like to come in and read stories from around the world please see Margaret or Mary.

School Admission Forms

If your child turns 5 between September 2016 and August 2017 you will need to apply for a school place by January 15th. Mary has started handing out booklet with a list of schools in Waltham Forest. You will need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk The offer of a place will be posted to applicants or through an email on 18th April 2016. It is extremely important that you apply on time if you want to secure a place in the school of your choice.

