



12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have welcomed our YR children into school and they have settled in fantastically well! They have been busy exploring their classrooms and outdoor area and getting to know each other as well as the adults. We look forward to getting to know you over the next few weeks and to see what amazing things you learn and achieve.

This year we have decided to change from a weekly to a monthly newsletter so next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September will be the first newsletter. After this they will be **monthly** not weekly so please ensure that when they come out you read all the information given and make a note of any key dates. We will, of course, update you with any urgent information via Arbor or Class Dojo.

**Welcome to YR Phonics and Reading meeting** – Just a reminder that there will be a ‘Welcome to YR Phonics and Reading’ meeting for parents on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at 2.30. This will be in the school hall so parents will need to arrive via the Abbotsbury Road gate and queue up by the tunnel entrance.



**School Improvement Plan** – Once again we have reviewed the needs of the school and put together our key priorities for the year that is building on last year. This year we will be focussing on the following areas:



**Key Action 1** – To review our curriculum offer to ensure it offers first-hand experiences and that a holistic approach is at the heart of the offer. The curriculum is to be based around the characteristics of effective learning, whilst ensuring the children receive a broad and balanced curriculum that supports the acquisition of disciplinary and substantive knowledge.

**Key Action 2-** To further embed outdoor learning and to improve the quality of meaningful play across the school in both the curriculum and outdoors

**Key Action 3** – To embed our trauma informed practice



## BOOKSWAP



**Book Swap** – This year you and your child will be able to choose a **FREE** book to take home and share each week at our Stop and Stay reads. There will be a box of books for you to choose from and take home. We ask that you return this book the following week and swap for a new one!

**Emergency Contacts** – Please could you check that all your emergency contact details are up to date on Arbor and make any necessary changes - thank you



**Parental/Carer Agreements** – We will be sending out parental agreements for Reading 4X per week. This will make such a difference to your child by reading with them as it improves their confidence, fluency, understanding and helps to promote good reading habits so they can read to learn and read for pleasure. If you have not yet returned yours or have any concerns regarding this then please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance



**Attendance** – I am sure you have seen a lot of information on the news regarding attendance in school and taking holidays in term time. The guidance from the government has tightened up considerably on this. The guidance states that there are new rules around issuing fines for unauthorised absences. We monitor attendance very closely in school and children should aim for 95%+ attendance.



**Stop and Stay Read for Year 1 and 2** – Just a reminder that Stop and Stay read starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm and will continue for the Autumn Term.

**Wellies and Waterproofs** – Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and some waterproof clothing in school at all time.

**Stoke Park Infant Association (SPIA)** – we are holding our SPIA AGM on Thursday 25th September, at 7pm at Steam Town Brewery, Eastleigh (upstairs) All are welcome, especially new member.

**Inset Day Reminder** – Just a reminder that our first Inset Day of the year is on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** so please do not send children to school this day!

Kind regards,  
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Headteacher