



# THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST



WHITEHORSE MANOR  
INFANT SCHOOL



ECCLESBOURNE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHITEHORSE MANOR  
JUNIOR SCHOOL



BEULAH INFANT &  
NURSERY SCHOOL



CYPRESS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Executive Headteachers:

Mr M J Roberts & Ms L D Sampson

Head of Upper School: Mrs N Carpenter

Head of Lower School: Mrs J Sorensen

## LITTLE CYPRESS NEWSLETTER – Autumn 1 2022

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Little Cypress,

We are delighted to welcome the children to *Little Cypress* and would like to introduce ourselves. The class teachers for Gold and Silver Nursery are Miss A Chapman and Mrs F Jerman. The manager of our Two Year Old provision (Rainbow Class) is Ms L Shadbolt. The support staff are: Mrs T Nawol, Ms S Mussard and Ms S Khydher in Gold/Silver and Ms L Johnson, Mrs A Lee and Miss J Harvey-Evans in Rainbows. Miss Chapman is the overall lead for Little Cypress and is also the Deputy Head of School, and she will be happy to answer any queries you may have. You will also have met or seen Mrs Sorensen on the school gate who is our Head of Lower School at Cypress. Now that the children are gradually starting in Little Cypress, may we please take this opportunity to remind you of the following information:

- Staff will open the main doors to Little Cypress at **9.00am** (Gold class/Rainbow class/full timers arrival), **12.00 noon** (Gold class/Rainbow class mornings dismissal), **3.10pm** (Silver class/Rainbow class afternoons/full timers dismissal).
- Staff will open the doors again at **12.15pm** for the afternoon session (Silver class/Rainbow class afternoon arrival).
- It is imperative that you arrive on time for your child's sessions: arriving late is upsetting for the child and disruptive to the rest of the children.
- Only full-time children in Gold/Silver and Rainbows will have lunch here. You can choose to bring a packed lunch or have a school dinner at the cost of £2.40 per day. You can pay this through your Magic Booking account and accounts must be in credit at all times. Please ensure all property brought to school (clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes, shoes, book bags) is clearly named as the children do not always recognise their possessions.
- Your child will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly on entering Nursery or Rainbows.
- Please ensure that your child has a coat at school every day. The children have free-flow access to the outside for most of the day and need to have suitable clothing.
- Please bring in a named water bottle for your child every day and the children will be reminded to place in the water bottle box in Gold/Silver and Rainbows.
- If you have not done so already, please purchase a school book bag or rucksack and bring to nursery every day. We will soon have in place a keyworker system and an adult in nursery will help your child to choose a book once a week. Their keyworker will also work with your child on specific targets. The keyworker will be your first port of call for any day-to-day queries about your child, or to pass messages on. Of course, do ask to speak to one of the class teachers/manager if you need to. We will send further details of the keyworker system home shortly. In the meantime, please feel free to choose a book from the book corner to take home and share with your child.
- Please practise and reinforce toilet routines with your child at home (e.g. asking to go to the toilets, wiping their bottom, washing hands). For Rainbows, please discuss toilet training/nappy changing with the Rainbow staff if you have not already during the parent consultations.
- We will support the children in finding their name on their 'minibeast' and put it on the registration board, if in Gold or Silver class.
- Please encourage your child to listen when others are speaking, to try not to interrupt and to respond when adults say their name. This is obviously age dependent; even our very youngest children will gradually learn to do this!

Our topic for this half term is **"All About Me"**. Please bring in a photo of your child with members of their family, writing their name on the back and who is in the photo. Please also add any countries with which your family has connections.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum, focusing on the seven key areas of learning as follows:

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will learn to:

- ✓ develop a sense of belonging for our class
- ✓ develop social relationships with each other
- ✓ This will include learning our class rules and getting familiar with simple daily routines, such as sitting for short carpet sessions

In **Physical Development**, we will learn to:

- ✓ develop autonomy in self-care
- ✓ move within available space
- ✓ respond to music and stories through movement
- ✓ develop control over a range of tools

In **Communication and Language**, we will focus on developing our listening skills.

In **Literacy**, we will share stories and rhymes and practise joining in with repetitive text.

In **Mathematics**, we will:

- ✓ practise counting, saying number names in sequence
- ✓ begin to make comparisons between quantities
- ✓ notice simple shapes in the environment
- ✓ compare sizes using words such as big/small; bigger/smaller

In **Understanding the World**, we will: explore a range of messy play, small world equipment and ICT software. We will also begin to make friends and develop an interest in each other and our environment.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will:

- ✓ learn simple action songs
- ✓ investigate a range of construction materials
- ✓ begin to combine movement, media, materials or marks

We look forward to working with you and your children. Please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A Chapman and the Little Cypress Team

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