

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL.

WALTON PEAK FLYING HIGH
ACADEMY

**FSU (nursery and reception)
New Starters Meeting**



- ▶ Mrs Sheldon (Nursery) Mrs Chell (Reception) class teachers Monday to Friday
- ▶ EYFS are also supported by a Teaching Assistant Monday to Friday

WHO WORKS WHEN?



Thank you for choosing our school. We look forward to welcoming you and your child on the next part of their journey. We believe every child should thrive.

The senior staff in September:

Mr Parkinson: Head Teacher

Miss Wilson: Deputy Head Teacher

The office staff in school:

Mr Mitchell and Vacancy



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.

- ▶ **Getting used to playing with other children, dressing themselves, using the toilet, washing their hands and looking after their possessions.**
- ▶ **Get storybooks from the library about starting school and read them to your child. In the week before they start school, get your child used to the times they will need to get up in the mornings and go to bed. Make a bedtime story part of the routine.**
- ▶ **Decide early who is taking your child to school on their first day so they can know as soon as possible what will happen on the morning.**
- ▶ **Share your memories of your first day or funny and light stories about your time at school so they start to get a light-hearted sense of what to expect.**
- ▶ **Plan a treat for the end of the first school day.**



GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL:

- ▶ Talk positively to your child about starting school.
- ▶ Help your child to build their confidence. For example, make sure they know that it really is ok to ask to go to the toilet at school and for help when they need it.
- ▶ If you are feeling worried, make sure that you have someone to talk to so that your children don't pick up on any negative feelings - and remind yourself that it is perfectly normal to have a bit of the jitters yourself.
- ▶ Encourage them to be thoughtful about other children's feelings and remember to take turns.
- ▶ If you sense your child will feel clingy and not want to leave you, usually in fear they will miss out, let them know what you have planned for the day - the duller the better!



BEFORE THE FIRST DAY:

- ▶ Talk through what will happen on the first day with your child so that they know what to expect.
- ▶ Tell us all about your child, e.g. any special needs, medical problems, likes or dislikes.
- ▶ Make a point of finding out more about us- please look around our classroom so that you know what they are going to be doing and can talk to them about it, also have a look at the website.
- ▶ Be friendly and open with us. If you feel annoyed by anything try to keep a calm head and come to speak to us first before speaking to anyone else.
- ▶ Try to get to as many of the meetings after your child starts at school, as you can. If you can't attend, give us a call and ask for the information to be sent to you. We're happy to do this.



LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- ▶ **By the end of their foundation years (FS2), children should be ready for school (Y1): Be healthy, sociable, curious, happy, active and able to make the most of the opportunities available to them. These are the fundamental principles we base our teaching and learning upon in our Foundation Stage classes.**



HOW MY CHILD'S PROGRESS IS RECORDED AND SHARED?

- ▶ **Using Arbor and Seesaw.**

Please sign and return the permission forms and include a valid email address.

Let us know about new things that are happening at home and the things your child is interested in.



A TYPICAL DAY IN EYFS:

Reception (FS2)

- Arrival from 8:35am. Registration at 08:45am, parents are encouraged to settle children into the setting by helping their children to write their name and leaving before 8:45am.
- Small group activities include a talk time, stories and music. These will also include maths, phonics, reading and writing as the year progresses.
- Lots of time to choose their own learning, both indoors and outdoors
- Lunch at 11:45am till 12:45pm (For FS2 and 30 hours only)
- School finishes at 3:15pm, please be on time.

Nursery (FS1)

- 15 hours will be 8:45am-11:45am.
- As we appreciate your children may have siblings in school we are also offering flexibility around start and finish times for children attending 30 hours. Please speak with Mrs Sheldon.



LUNCHTIMES:

- ▶ We will need to know if your child will be having school dinners or packed lunches - two weeks written notice is needed to change.
- ▶ Dinners are served in our hall area.
- ▶ Currently, all under 7's are entitled to a free school meal.
- ▶ Please contact the school office to discuss any allergies/intolerances your child may have.



ATTENDANCE:

- ▶ If your child is ill or going to be late for any reason, please phone school and leave a message on the absence line. This is a dedicated answer machine, so feel free to ring the night before or early in the morning but try and ring before 8.45am.
- ▶ If your child is late, you will need to come through the main entrance and make sure we are aware of your child as they will have missed the register.



ATTENDANCE:

- ▶ Attendance is monitored and the Government have an expectation of 96% or above, small children invariably get ill, particularly in their first years of school, but you can help by avoiding making routine dental or medical appointment during school time, or at the very least not first thing in the morning. It is always better to get an afternoon appointment where possible.
- ▶ If there is to be a change in arrangements for collecting your child that you haven't managed to let the class teacher know, please let the office know before lunchtime if possible.



ADMIN:

- ▶ Letters or forms sent home with your child for completion, please return promptly.
- ▶ Please make us aware of any changes to contact details, in writing, as soon as possible. Particularly around people who are allowed to collect your children.
- ▶ We also use texting to send reminders or information to parents; please make sure we know about any changes to mobile numbers as soon as possible.



ADMIN:

- ▶ Where possible please use parent pay
- ▶ Please put any money with returned forms in a secure envelope with your child's name and class.
- ▶ Any money must be in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and must state what the money is for.
- ▶ Please hand any forms to the school office



WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED:

- ▶ Uniform available to order on the school website and delivered to your home for a small charge or to school free of charge. Book bag - ordered online.
- ▶ Change of clothes (left in a bag on their peg)
- ▶ PE Kit (to stay in school)
- ▶ Lots of sleep!
- ▶ Labelled clothing and footwear
- ▶ Water is available throughout the day and milk is available for children under the age of five. You may choose to pay for milk after your child has turned five.



WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO?

- ▶ Hear your child read, read to your child and write in their reading record daily.
- ▶ Do any words or sounds with them on a daily basis.
- ▶ Make sure you let us know if any of your contact details change.
- ▶ A PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings or joggers, black PE pumps). Please remove any jewellery or apply tape over studs.
- ▶ Add observations to Tapestry.
- ▶ Ensure all clothes and footwear is labelled with your children's names



TIPS TO HELP YOU KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL:

- ▶ Log into and update Tapestry regularly.
- ▶ Make sure your child gives you any letters that are sent home.
- ▶ Monitor updates on Seesaw
- ▶ Send back any permissions swiftly.
- ▶ Look out for notices and posters for parents.
- ▶ If you can, check our school website.
- ▶ Try to make it to fun events, like school fairs, and to parents' evenings.
- ▶ If you are worried about anything, come and talk to a teacher. We will want to help.



CHILDREN'S VISITS:

- ▶ **We always encourage visits to the settings. To arrange a visit please call: 01246 234381.**
- ▶ **We also offer home visits. Please arrange a date and time with Mrs Sheldon or contact the school office.**
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TRANSITION INTO OUR SETTING:

- ▶ **When children join our school in FS1/FS2 we have a policy of going out to visit them with their current childcare provider or ringing their current childcare provider.**
- ▶ **We need your permission to do this.**



DATA PROTECTION:

- ▶ Please sign the permission document today to allow us to use the name of your child alongside their photograph within our setting.

Thank you



WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

- **ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE
(NO QUESTION IS A SILLY QUESTION)**
- **COMPLETE AND SEND BACK
ALL PAPERWORK**
- **CHECK OUR POLICIES ON OUR
SCHOOL WEBSITE**
- **INFORM US OF ANYTHING YOU
FEEL WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
YOUR CHILD**

