**Wednesday 17th September 2025**

**Welcome to Falcons Class September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I’d like to formally welcome you to a new school year. I look forward to working with you closely over the coming months. I would like to invite all parents of Falcon Class to join me for a Class meet and greet - Early Reading and Phonics session on **Wednesday 24th September** at **2.45pm** (just before pick up) to be able to share some new information for this year. In the meantime, I hope the information in this letter helps you understand some of the systems and routines we have in place in Falcons this year.

Reading Books

Your child will have a reading book and reading record that they should read every day at home and in school. This will be starting from Monday. This book will be chosen to match their current reading level. For those children accessing Bug Club, we would like them to read their book 3 times and for this to be recorded in their reading record. This will allow us to see how familiar they are with the book and whether it needs to be changed. For those children accessing Accelerated Reader, they will bring a book home each day which matches their ZPD level. (This level is generated based on their initial assessment quiz). When they complete a book, they should take the related quiz on Accelerated Reader. We will track their scores and their progress across the year. Please could we ask for books to be brought into school every day as we aim to read with the children as often as possible.

PE

This year, PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and on a Friday. As we have PE in the afternoon on both days, children should arrive in their school uniform with their PE kit to change into. They will then go home in their PE kit. Changing independently is important, so we set this expectation from the start of Year 1.

Forest School

As you will know, we are fortunate enough to be the first class accessing Forest School sessions this year, the first starting last Wednesday. These will continue for the next two Wednesdays. Just a reminder that for these sessions, children will need a pair of wellies or waterproof shoes, a change of long-sleeved and long-leg clothes and a good coat. Waterproof overalls are ideal but not essential.

Morning Routine

Every morning, there will be a settling task which the children can complete independently as they arrive. This will be linked to fine motor or social skills, writing or maths. Please ensure your child arrives promptly. We open the school gates at 8.35am and register is taken at 8.50am. Children arriving after 9am should sign in at the school office.

Home Learning

This year, your child’s Home Learning will be set each week in Home Learning books. Information on what this will look like and how you can support them will be found in the front of their Home Learning books. Completed home learning should be **handed in on a Monday morning** before new home learning is **set each Monday** afternoon. This should be a very clear system that allows us to share and consolidate our in-school learning. Your first Home Learning will be set on Monday 29th September.

Foundation Curriculum

Attached is the Falcons Foundation Curriculum for the academic year 2025-26. I hope this helps you to understand and share in what your child will be learning outside of their English and Maths lessons this year.

Please do get in touch with the school if you have any questions about anything in this letter or speak to me on the school gate at pick-up. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible joining with me on Wednesday afternoon.

Kind regards

Jemma Curtis