

Dear Parents/Carers,

LUNCH-TIMES

The children are doing very well at lunch-time with most children needing very little support to carry their tray or to speak to the lunch time staff if they need any help. They are all trying to use a knife and fork independently now too. If your child does not appear to be eating very much the lunch-time staff will let me know so I can discuss it with you. Your child can swap from school dinner to packed lunch as and when you wish as they use a ticket in the classroom each morning to let me know what they are having. I would ask that you let me know at drop-off time or via a note if you want your child to have the jacket potato option, as this does need to be pre-ordered each day, thank you.

PHONICS

This week we will begin sending letter sound sheets home. We call these 'phonemes' in class. Please spend 5 minutes each day if possible practising. This can be either recognising the letter or writing it, listening for it in words or thinking of words which begin with the phoneme. We will send home, on average 4 letter sounds per week.

SNAIL CARE!

This week we will be looking after 'Shelley the Snail' who belongs to Reception Blue. We will be learning how to look after a pet, what a snail likes to eat and how it moves. **On WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2017** there will be an opportunity to hold Shelley, if your child wants to.

Please complete and return the consent form at the bottom of the page no later than Wednesday please. The children will wash their hands after handling the snail as part of the health and safety measures.

LEARNING STORY SHARING

I would like to invite the children to bring in their **NURSERY LEARNING STORIES on FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017**. It will be a nice way for the children to talk confidently, sharing their common experiences as they get to know new friends. They will be returned at the end of the day.

Finally a 'Weekend News Book' will come home on Friday. Inside there will be a sticker to suggest a topic your child could draw about, or your child can share their weekend activities with us. Eventually this book serves as way of encouraging your child to practise mark-making which will lead to writing and it will come home every other week. Please return it no later than a week after it goes home as then there is time for the children to share their work with everyone else. We all mark it with smiley faces to show our appreciation. This is something the children love doing so please help them to have a go and don't worry if it is only a few marks at this stage! If your child has done it he/she will know what he/she wants to tell us.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Emms

PERMISSION TO HOLD THE GIANT AFRICAN LAND SNAIL 2017-2018 RECEPTION GREEN

(Child's name)

Would like to hold the snail (Circle). Signed Date

Would not like to hold the snail (Circle). Signed Date