



Welcome to Pre-School
Mrs Gallichan
2023-2024

Welcome

Welcome to Pre-School!

It has been wonderful getting to know each individual child in Pre-School on our home visits and it is fantastic to see how excited they are to be at FCJ.

Over the coming weeks they will have lots of opportunities to settle into their new setting and get to know our class community.

It is wonderful to be starting our exciting journey working together with you all.

In the coming weeks...

- ▶ The first few weeks are all about settling the children and establishing routines.
- ▶ We would like the children to begin taking responsibility for their belongings and following their new routines.
- ▶ You can help your child by encouraging them to hold their own belongings and bring them into school.
- ▶ Please help your child to become independent in the bathrooms and with the toilets.
- ▶ Helping your child to dress independently including putting on and zipping their coat is important as the seasons change.
- ▶ Please note due to health and safety, climbing frames are not to be used after school.

What we need to bring to Pre-School...

- * Named lunch box
- * Named water bottle
- * Named wellie boots
- * A bookbag if necessary
- * A school raincoat for inclement weather.
- * Spare P.E. bag will stay in school for emergencies – ensure this contains a change of underwear and socks.
- * Pre-School children do not need a backpack and we ask that you refrain from sending one to school.

Snack and Lunches

- * Snack is provided in the morning and the afternoon for Pre-School. Please make sure you have paid your snack contribution on Parentmail.
- * They will have 30 minutes to eat their lunch.
- * We encourage healthy choices – no chocolate and fizzy drinks.
- * Please remember we are a NUT FREE school - this is due to children in our care with severe allergies.
- * We encourage the children to become independent with their lunch – please help them to practise opening packets and containers at home.
- * Also... don't forget the spoon! 😊

The Curriculum – Key Areas of Learning

- * Communication and Language
 - * Physical Development
 - * Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - * Literacy
 - * Mathematics
 - * Understanding the World
 - * Expressive Arts and Design
 - * Religious Education – FCJ
- * A curriculum newsletter detailing these areas is sent each term.

Special Books & Tapestry

- * We will use a combination of a ‘Special Book’, other books and Tapestry – an online Learning Journey to record your child’s special moments.
- * We will also send home learning challenges and other tasks on Tapestry and we love to see your contributions too.
- * Further information for Tapestry will follow in the coming weeks.

What a fantastic start!

- * We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead.
- * Thank you for all your support-when we work together we make a great team!