



1st September 2023

Dear Parents and carers

The children have had a great first week. We have been impressed with how they have settled and come into school with a smile on their faces. The children have been keen to explore their new learning environment, whilst making some new friends too.

From next week, the children will be in school full time, they may be very tired as they adjust to full days at school. You may find your child gets a little grumpy or more emotional than normal. A reminder that school will begin at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Please drop off and collect your child from the main entrance on Church Walk.

P.E will be on Thursday morning so please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. Your child will remain in their PE kit for the remainder of the day. Long hair will need to be tied back and any earrings removed. On PE days we ask that the children come to school in the correct PE kit (no football kits, logos or grey or navy tracksuit bottoms. School colours are purple tops and black shorts or legwear.) The children may wear trainers on PE days **only**. Parents will be contacted if the incorrect uniform or PE kit is worn, please speak to a member of SLT if you are having difficulty sourcing any uniform. We have plenty of second hand good quality uniform that we can provide. Please make sure your child's water bottle is labelled along with any other personal items.

Next week your child will come home with a lilac picture book; these first reading books encourage your child to tell a story orally using the pictures to prompt their imagination. Please spend some time sharing the book together and comment in your child's reading record to say how they have got on with the book. Regular reading practise at home will really benefit your child. There also be some red word cards please support your child to learn these. This is vital for development and progress with your child's reading.

Our current topic is 'All about me' and we would like a photograph of your child as a baby, toddler and a current picture. This will support the children with the activities we have planned. Photographs can be emailed to mrs.marvin@stmarys.leics.sch.uk or mr.bond@stmarys.leics.sch.uk

Many thanks
Mrs Marvin and Mr Bond

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