



*'Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe - 'To believe, achieve, succeed together.'*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **OAK CLASS LETTER - AUTUMN 2023**

Wow! What a fantastic few days we have had settling into school! The children have learned our schools rules, spoken with confidence when sharing their 'All About Me' boxes, created a class rainbow and not to forget – had great fun splashing in a giant muddy puddle! I have been amazed by the children's listening skills, kindness towards one another and the creativity shown in their play. I certainly am excited to see what the rest of the year will bring.

This week, as well as taking part in our whole-school 'Trickle' project, we have kicked off our topic for term 1 – 'Me and My Community'. Through this topic the children will discuss and compare the communities they belong to at home, school and in their wider life. It will enable us to all get to know each other better, setting firm foundations for the year ahead. Just as a reminder I work in the class Mon-Thurs and Mrs Harden teaches on a Friday. We are also joined by Miss Lake every day and Ms Denton supports in the mornings too.

#### **PE**

We have two PE slots in our weekly timetable. The first is on a **Wednesday** afternoon and the second on a **Friday** afternoon. Both of these sessions will be indoor PE and will begin next week. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school in preparation for these lessons. If your child has pierced ears, earrings should either be removed or covered with plasters on PE days.

#### **Phonics**

We will begin our phonics scheme (Read Write Inc) next week. The children will have a daily phonics session learning sounds and rehearsing the skill of oral blending. There will be a parents information evening later this term about phonics and reading which you may wish to attend.

#### **Barney Bear**

Next week, one lucky child will be given the responsibility to take our class bear (Barney) home for a weekend of fun. Barney will be sent home with a different child each Friday along with a little treat, a class book to borrow and Barney's diary which can be used to record what he gets up to during his visit.

Each class has a class email which we can be contacted on with regard to any class questions and both Mrs Harden and I can access is – [oakclass@croughtonschool.co.uk](mailto:oakclass@croughtonschool.co.uk)

I hope the children all have a well-deserved, wonderful weekend and I look forward to our first full week together next week!

Kind regards  
Miss Pepler