



# The Roche Nursery School

11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear parents,

A very warm welcome to The Roche Nursery School; we are looking forward to a busy autumn term. The key teachers in the Lower Nursery are Mrs Natalia, Mrs Justyna, Miss Petrina and our teaching assistant is Miss Lindsey. The key teachers in the Upper Nursery are Miss Kerry and Miss Jacquie. Our dance teacher is Mrs Lea who teaches on Tuesdays and Mrs Lucilla, also a dance specialist, on Thursday afternoons.

We will be sending out a comprehensive list of diary dates by the end of the first week but we would like to draw your attention to the following important dates:

**Social evening for new parents on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the main school, Frogmore from 5.30 p.m.**

**Welcome meeting & Curriculum talk for Nursery parents on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 5 p.m. We encourage all parents to attend this event as it will be informative and will hopefully answer any burning questions!**

We will also be sending out weekly newsletters. If you are an existing parent please inform the office if your emergency or contact details have changed.

## **Start and End of School Day**

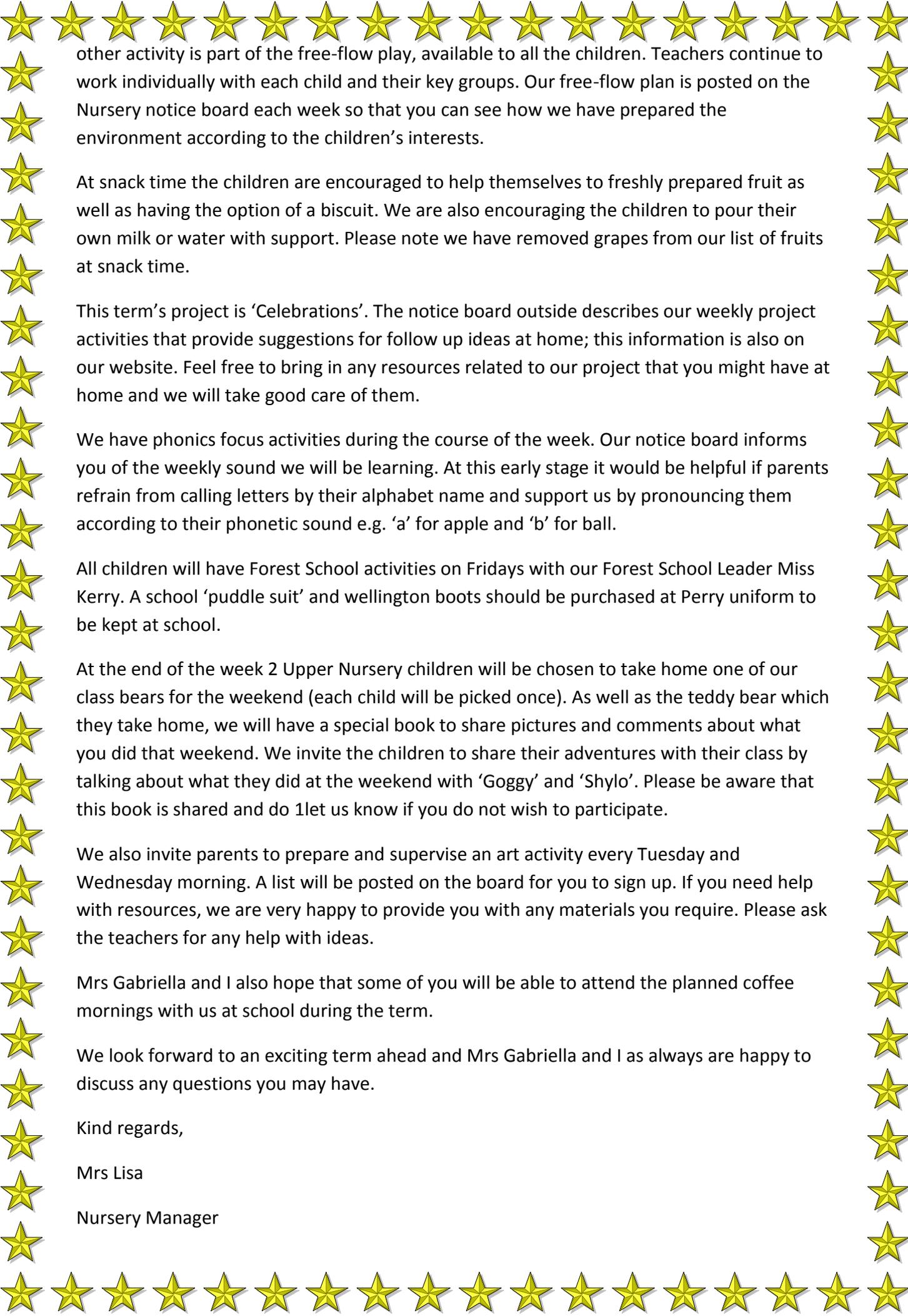
The Nursery door will be open between 8.45 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. each day. After their first day at school your child should be in the Nursery by 9.15 a.m. at the latest each day to ensure that they have access to free-flow play and any activities which have been planned by their key teacher. During the first week at Nursery you are welcome to come in with your child if you feel it will help your child settle. However, please remember that children do settle much faster if farewells are kept brief and cheerful.

## **Parent Communication**

This week your child will come home with a comment book. This provides you with an opportunity to have an open and regular dialogue with your child's key teacher. If you would like to communicate anything about child please write your message in the book and leave the book bag hanging on the hook inside the school gate where a member of staff will be standing.

## **Curriculum**

Each day we offer the children free-flow play (choice of outside and classroom play based learning) and a balance of child initiated and adult-directed activities. Most mornings, the children have access to two focused activities. One activity is within a small group and the



other activity is part of the free-flow play, available to all the children. Teachers continue to work individually with each child and their key groups. Our free-flow plan is posted on the Nursery notice board each week so that you can see how we have prepared the environment according to the children's interests.

At snack time the children are encouraged to help themselves to freshly prepared fruit as well as having the option of a biscuit. We are also encouraging the children to pour their own milk or water with support. Please note we have removed grapes from our list of fruits at snack time.

This term's project is 'Celebrations'. The notice board outside describes our weekly project activities that provide suggestions for follow up ideas at home; this information is also on our website. Feel free to bring in any resources related to our project that you might have at home and we will take good care of them.

We have phonics focus activities during the course of the week. Our notice board informs you of the weekly sound we will be learning. At this early stage it would be helpful if parents refrain from calling letters by their alphabet name and support us by pronouncing them according to their phonetic sound e.g. 'a' for apple and 'b' for ball.

All children will have Forest School activities on Fridays with our Forest School Leader Miss Kerry. A school 'puddle suit' and wellington boots should be purchased at Perry uniform to be kept at school.

At the end of the week 2 Upper Nursery children will be chosen to take home one of our class bears for the weekend (each child will be picked once). As well as the teddy bear which they take home, we will have a special book to share pictures and comments about what you did that weekend. We invite the children to share their adventures with their class by talking about what they did at the weekend with 'Goggy' and 'Shylo'. Please be aware that this book is shared and do let us know if you do not wish to participate.

We also invite parents to prepare and supervise an art activity every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. A list will be posted on the board for you to sign up. If you need help with resources, we are very happy to provide you with any materials you require. Please ask the teachers for any help with ideas.

Mrs Gabriella and I also hope that some of you will be able to attend the planned coffee mornings with us at school during the term.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella and I as always are happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lisa

Nursery Manager