

Warwick Class News - September 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year in Warwick Class, I hope you have all had a wonderful break.

I am pleased to continue to work with such a dedicated and experienced early years' team, currently comprising of:

Class Teachers: Mrs Teresa Lock (3 and a half days) Mrs Wendy Corless (Friday)

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Joanne Bartle - Full time

All Warwick staff are experienced and qualified to work with young children.

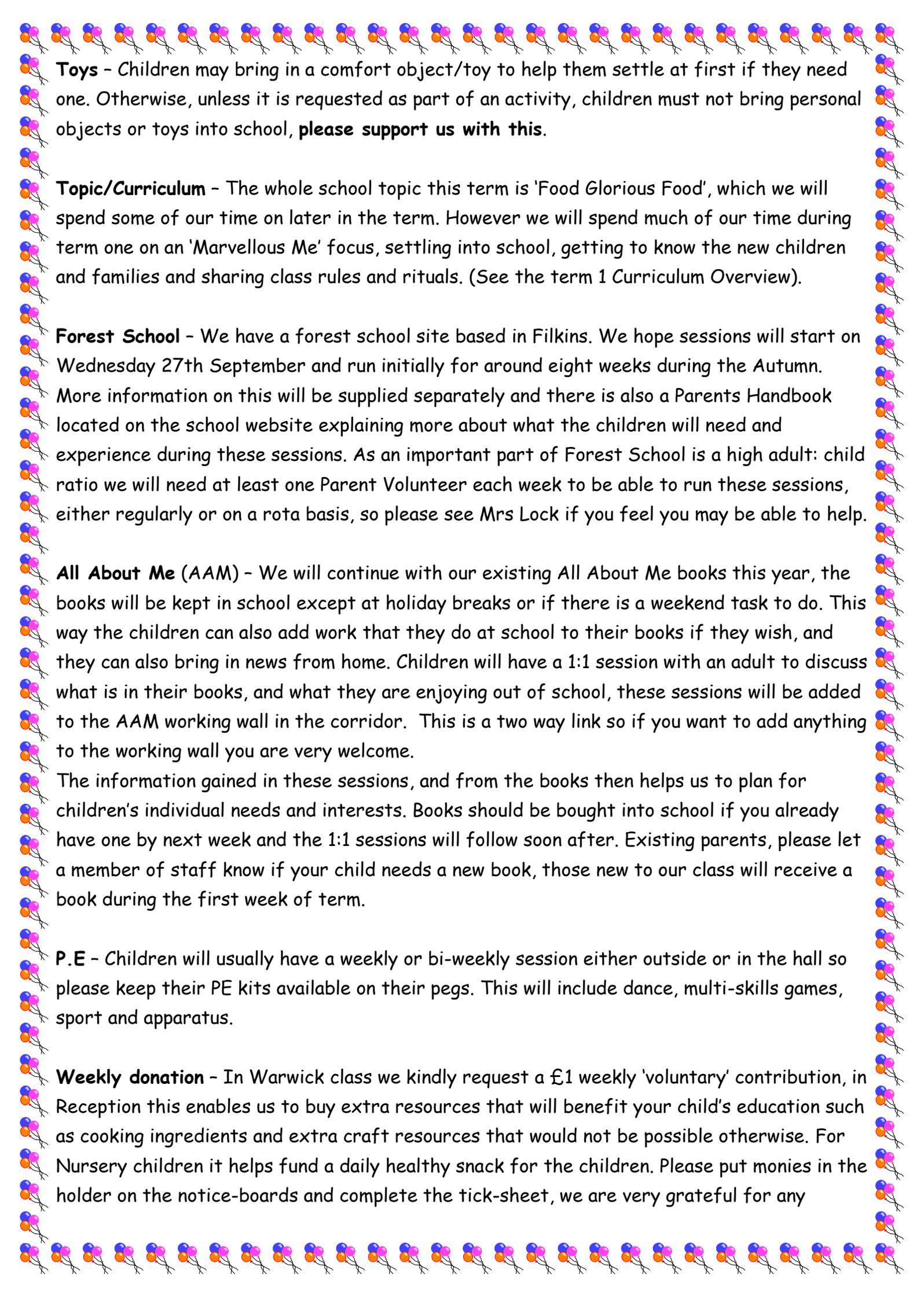
Home - School Links

I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children and hope we will have a good working relationship. Close home-school links are very important to your child's progress at school, please keep us informed of any aspects of your child's life that you feel may affect their health, behaviour or development at school. Mrs Corless, Mrs Bartle and I will always be available to pass on this information in the mornings or chat about any immediate concerns. However if you feel there is something you would like to discuss in more detail a class teacher will usually be available at the end of the day or an appointment could be made within the school day. The first Parents Consultation dates will be announced later in the term but it is pencilled in for early November.

There will be a Warwick Class letter each term and you will also receive school newsletters by Parent-Mail usually every two weeks. If you think you may have missed a letter I will leave copies in the parents information rack in the cloakroom. There may also be daily reminders on the whiteboard and planning and other information will be displayed on the noticeboards in the corridor, so please check regularly. Children who attend Breakfast or After School Club will receive a home-school communication book to be kept in their book bags as a two way link between Parents and School.

Timings - We start our day when the gates open at 8.40, you are welcome to come into the classroom to settle your child and then registration will be at 9.00. Reception children finish at 3.05pm, when the gates will be open to allow parents in, please wait in the cloakroom area for your child to be sent round to you. Nursery children finish at 11.50 a.m (Nursery are brought to the main school entrance by a member of the team) unless booked into wrap around care (WAC) in the afternoon. If in WAC children can be collected any time before 3.10pm.

Don't forget if somebody different is collecting your child we must be informed in advance, we cannot release your child to someone who is not known to us.



Toys - Children may bring in a comfort object/toy to help them settle at first if they need one. Otherwise, unless it is requested as part of an activity, children must not bring personal objects or toys into school, **please support us with this.**

Topic/Curriculum - The whole school topic this term is 'Food Glorious Food', which we will spend some of our time on later in the term. However we will spend much of our time during term one on an 'Marvellous Me' focus, settling into school, getting to know the new children and families and sharing class rules and rituals. (See the term 1 Curriculum Overview).

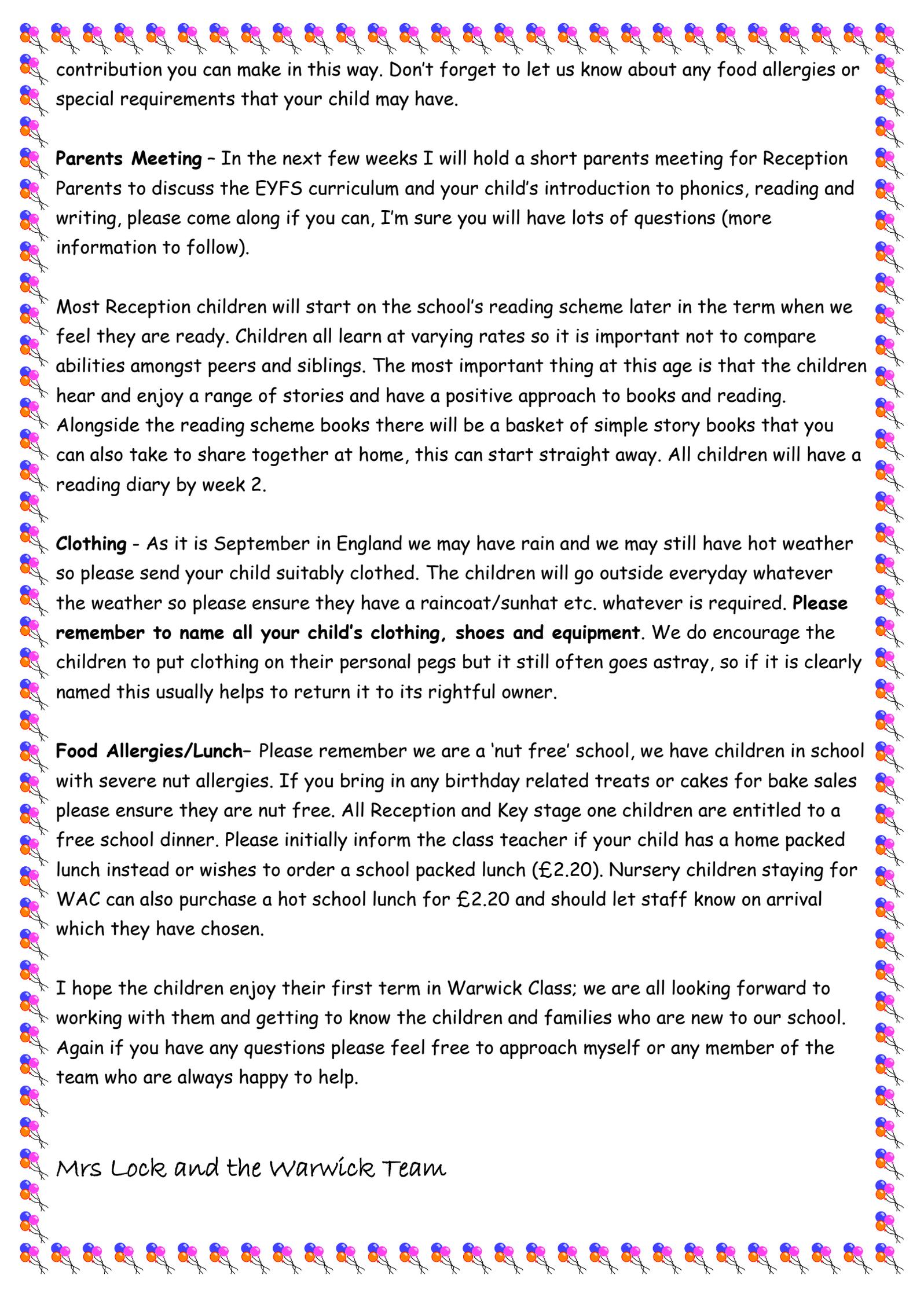
Forest School - We have a forest school site based in Filkins. We hope sessions will start on Wednesday 27th September and run initially for around eight weeks during the Autumn. More information on this will be supplied separately and there is also a Parents Handbook located on the school website explaining more about what the children will need and experience during these sessions. As an important part of Forest School is a high adult: child ratio we will need at least one Parent Volunteer each week to be able to run these sessions, either regularly or on a rota basis, so please see Mrs Lock if you feel you may be able to help.

All About Me (AAM) - We will continue with our existing All About Me books this year, the books will be kept in school except at holiday breaks or if there is a weekend task to do. This way the children can also add work that they do at school to their books if they wish, and they can also bring in news from home. Children will have a 1:1 session with an adult to discuss what is in their books, and what they are enjoying out of school, these sessions will be added to the AAM working wall in the corridor. This is a two way link so if you want to add anything to the working wall you are very welcome.

The information gained in these sessions, and from the books then helps us to plan for children's individual needs and interests. Books should be bought into school if you already have one by next week and the 1:1 sessions will follow soon after. Existing parents, please let a member of staff know if your child needs a new book, those new to our class will receive a book during the first week of term.

P.E - Children will usually have a weekly or bi-weekly session either outside or in the hall so please keep their PE kits available on their pegs. This will include dance, multi-skills games, sport and apparatus.

Weekly donation - In Warwick class we kindly request a £1 weekly 'voluntary' contribution, in Reception this enables us to buy extra resources that will benefit your child's education such as cooking ingredients and extra craft resources that would not be possible otherwise. For Nursery children it helps fund a daily healthy snack for the children. Please put monies in the holder on the notice-boards and complete the tick-sheet, we are very grateful for any



contribution you can make in this way. Don't forget to let us know about any food allergies or special requirements that your child may have.

Parents Meeting - In the next few weeks I will hold a short parents meeting for Reception Parents to discuss the EYFS curriculum and your child's introduction to phonics, reading and writing, please come along if you can, I'm sure you will have lots of questions (more information to follow).

Most Reception children will start on the school's reading scheme later in the term when we feel they are ready. Children all learn at varying rates so it is important not to compare abilities amongst peers and siblings. The most important thing at this age is that the children hear and enjoy a range of stories and have a positive approach to books and reading. Alongside the reading scheme books there will be a basket of simple story books that you can also take to share together at home, this can start straight away. All children will have a reading diary by week 2.

Clothing - As it is September in England we may have rain and we may still have hot weather so please send your child suitably clothed. The children will go outside everyday whatever the weather so please ensure they have a raincoat/sunhat etc. whatever is required. **Please remember to name all your child's clothing, shoes and equipment.** We do encourage the children to put clothing on their personal pegs but it still often goes astray, so if it is clearly named this usually helps to return it to its rightful owner.

Food Allergies/Lunch- Please remember we are a 'nut free' school, we have children in school with severe nut allergies. If you bring in any birthday related treats or cakes for bake sales please ensure they are nut free. All Reception and Key stage one children are entitled to a free school dinner. Please initially inform the class teacher if your child has a home packed lunch instead or wishes to order a school packed lunch (£2.20). Nursery children staying for WAC can also purchase a hot school lunch for £2.20 and should let staff know on arrival which they have chosen.

I hope the children enjoy their first term in Warwick Class; we are all looking forward to working with them and getting to know the children and families who are new to our school. Again if you have any questions please feel free to approach myself or any member of the team who are always happy to help.

Mrs Lock and the Warwick Team