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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Pearl Class

A very warm welcome to everyone! We hope you and your child will enjoy being part of our school community.

Morning and Afternoon Routines

Please bring your child straight into Pearl classroom between **8.45am and 8.55am**, via our garden gate. The rest of the school line up outside and come in at 8.42am. Later on this term, Reception will join this routine.

When you come into the classroom, please encourage your child to find their **name card** and place it on our self-registration chart. You may also like to help them **choose a book** from our book corner to share at home.

Please collect your child at **3.10pm** from our garden entrance. We will dismiss the children one by one to ensure their safety. A reminder to let us or the school office know if your child is being collected by someone different.

Topic

Our topic for this term is '**Marvellous Me!**' We have attached a topic web to share with you the main themes of our journey through this topic.

Home Learning

Your child will be bringing home a '**sound book**', which we will be using to help the children learn letter sounds and digraphs (2 letters making 1 sound). Please could you ask your child which sounds they have learnt each day and ask them to show you the 'Jolly Phonics' action. For children who are familiar with the early phonemes, we will quickly develop their word building skills.

As well as sharing a book from our class library at home, the children will also take home a **reading scheme book** to share with you in the next few weeks. The first books are designed to encourage you and your child to make up your own stories as they do not include text. Please write a comment in the yellow reading diary to indicate the book has been shared at home. We will change these books regularly.

Every Monday, we will send home a **topic letter** outlining the activities we are doing in class. This will include optional play based ideas for home which will deepen your child's understanding of our class learning.

We have enclosed some '**WOW**' **sheets** for you to use to share any significant achievements in your child's learning at home and we will add these to their 'Learning Journey'. These 'Wow' moments may include, for example, learning to zip up their coat, sound talking a word or being kind and helpful.

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Show and Tell

The children have a 'Show and Tell' opportunity each week. They are organised according to their 'House Team' as follows:

Tuesday - **Cuckmere (blue)**: Emily, Josie, Zoe, Charlie, Phoenix

Wednesday - **Windover (green)**: Amelia B, Eva, Benedict, Coban, Jack, Terence

Thursday - **Exceat (red)**: Amelia P, Beatrice, Eliza, Hector, Rafe

This term, we would love the children to share their 'family customs and routines' with their friends during one of their sessions. This could include family bike rides, regular visits to grandparents or football games, favourite dinner evenings, dog walks, bedtime reading routines - anything that makes your family special! We would love to see photos too!

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day and that every item is clearly **labelled** with their name. As it becomes chilly, please make sure your child has a tracksuit for outdoor PE sessions. PE kits will be sent home every Friday.

Requests

Please send in **3 photos** of family, friends, toys, activities or places that are important to your child by **Monday 17th September**. For example, a picture of them riding their bike or cuddling a pet. The children will be using these photographs to make 'Special Me' posters for a class display. Please feel free to email any pictures to the school office for printing.

Visiting and Helping

You are welcome to come and see your child's Learning Journey and our learning environment any Tuesday after school or on a Friday before school at 8:30am.

If you feel able to help in the classroom on a regular basis we would be delighted to have you. Please visit the school office for the DBS forms.

Finally, please do not hesitate to talk to us should you have anything you would like to discuss. We want your child to have a lovely time in Reception and we are looking forward to having lots of fun this term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ottaway (Class teacher) and Mrs Nickalls (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)