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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 from 9th September**

Please bring your child to the Pearl Class garden gate at **8.40am** where Miss Foster or Mrs Young will collect them.

Please collect your child at **3.10pm** from the Pearl Class garden gate. We will dismiss the children one by one to ensure their safety. Please let 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**

As well as sharing a book from our class library at home, the children have also been given a reading scheme book to share with you. 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, using Google Classroom, we will upload 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. This will also include phonics activities that link to the sounds the children have learnt each day. We will be focussing on environmental sounds, body sounds, instrumental sounds, rhyme and alliteration, before moving on to learning alphabet sounds.

In your child's bookbag, you will find 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. You can send these back to us in your child's bookbag or email your moments to [pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk).

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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): Matilda, Teddy, Yohan, India and Tilia

Wednesday - **Windover** (green): Arden, Jane, Wren, Layla and Freyja

Thursday - **Exceat** (red): Lucas, Maisie, William and Nathaniel

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 dinners, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 [pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk).

### Visiting our Classroom

You are welcome to come and see your child's Learning Journey and our learning environment any Monday after school.

### Parent Information Meeting

We will be holding a parent information meeting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** after morning drop off at **9.00**, in Pearl Class. In this session, we will discuss how to use Google Classroom to access your child's weekly topic letter. We will also talk about how we teach phonics and give information on the curriculum in general.

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. You can also contact us by emailing [pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk). I will check these e-mails after school every day. If there is an urgent matter, please phone the school office to leave a message for me there.

Best wishes,

Miss Foster (Class teacher) and Mrs Young (Teaching Assistant)