



# EYFS Newsletter

## A brilliant start for all!

Firstly, we would like to say how well the children have settled into school! We are very proud of each and every one of them and we hope you feel the same way too. Thank you for your support with this smooth transition from home to school after a wonderful summer break.

### What makes me special?



This term we will be learning all about how amazing we are! We will be learning about how we are the same and how we are different. We will be talking about our families and the children will have the opportunity to do lots of exciting activities. We would love it if they could bring in a photograph of their family to share with the class and then put on display in our home corner.

### Book bags

It is fantastic that so many children have a book bag. These are easier to store in their trays than a back pack. All letters and contact books will be in book bags so please could you check these each day.

### Reading books

Once the children have settled into school full time and we have started our phonics sessions, we will be sending home a reading book and reading record. We will be changing books once a week at this stage on a Friday. Please sign the reading record book and write a comment so we know to give them a new book. If you notice that a book has been sent home before, we do send the same book home more than once to build on fluency. Repetitive reading allows a child to read with fluency with less stopping and starting. These books will follow the sounds your child has been taught in their phonics session.

### Library books

We are going to be visiting the library each MONDAY and children will be able to bring a book home. We ask that library books are returned on a Monday so we can issue your child with a new book. If your child would like to keep their book for two weeks that is absolutely fine. Children have chosen their book and have shown an interest in the text. This is a great opportunity for you to read to your child and discuss the text together. If you can instill a love of reading at an early age, then a commitment to lifelong learning is sure to follow.



### Phonics

We will shortly be sending home some more information about how phonics is taught in our school. Our phonics programme is called Essential Letters and Sounds. If you would like further information about this programme, please follow the link below which will take you to our school website.

<https://www.mierscourt-that.org.uk/home>

Our learning/Class pages/Year R  
( Bumblebees and Dragonflies)

### Harvest festival

For Harvest this year, the children will be learning the song "Dingle, dangle scarecrow" in school. It would be lovely if the children could make and bring in their own scarecrow hat to wear when we sing the song. More details will follow nearer the time.



<http://www.mierscourt.medway.sch.uk/>

## Miers Court Primary School

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### Reminders:

- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

- If your child is being collected by someone different please put a message in their contact book. If you have regular child care arrangements we need to know about, please let us know.

-Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.



### Dates:

Term ends:  
Friday 20th October  
2023

New term begins:  
Monday 6th November

