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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our new families and their little ones a warm welcome to Athersley South Primary School Nursery. Settling into nursery is not always easy and they have all done such an amazing job so far. We would also like to say a huge well done to the children who have returned to us from last year. You have all been very friendly and kind towards our new friends and we are very proud of you. We are looking forward to watching you all grow together this year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Mrs Hale, Mrs Lees & Miss Nock

Home-School Communication—Tapestry

We use Tapestry as a way of sending 'snapshots' of your child's learning every half term/full term. To access this, alongside other school communications, please can you make sure you have returned your home details form with the correct email address. We will be sending a 'how to document' to our new parents in due course.

Learning

Rhyme and Story of the week

Over the last few weeks we have been singing some familiar nursery rhymes, nursery rhymes with a twist and reading a matching story. So far we have sung:

- Baa, Baa, Black Sheep / Baa, Baa, White Sheep / Car, Car, Truck, Jeep
- Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star / Twinkle, Twinkle, Chocolate Bar / Rumble, Rumble, Dinosaur.
- Row, Row, Row your Boat / Crocodile version / Go, Go, Pirate Boat.
- The Wheels on the Bus / The Whales on the Bus

Our Families

Please could your child bring a photograph of their family into nursery. We like to display them in the home corner as this creates a great stimulus for our children to talk about their own homes, families and experiences with the grown ups and their peers.

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Wows from Home

We are always keen to see what our children have been up to outside nursery. If they have got a certificate for anything such as swimming, dancing or kickboxing we would love to see it and share it with the class. If you have been to a special event (e.g a wedding, holiday or birthday) please share some photographs so we can talk to your child about their experiences away from nursery. You can bring photographs into nursery or upload them to your child's tapestry account.

Independence

At nursery we encourage all our children to be as independent as possible. To support us in this we ask that your child comes to nursery in easy to manage clothes and shoes. Please try to avoid lace up shoes/trainers where possible. It can be very frustrating and upsetting for your child when they can't manage their own coat and shoes like their friends. We would also seek to remind you that 'sliders' and/or crocs are unsuitable due to the activities we undertake.

Finally, please support your child to take off and hang up their own coat at nursery. During half term we are having our coat pegs lowered to help your child be able to do this more independently.

Reminders

- Please remember water bottles should be filled with water, not juice.
- Please clearly label your child's clothing to avoid any mix ups.
- Don't forget to send a pair of wellies for your child to keep at school. As the weather is getting wetter we will need to wear them to play outside.
- Please don't allow your child to bring toys from home. This can cause upset when they go missing or other children want to play with them.

Bertie & Bobby Bear

After October half term we will be introducing our class bears Bertie & Bobby. Some of you may remember them from before the summer. Every Friday a child in FI will be chosen to take Bertie Bear (mornings) and Bobby Bear (afternoons/30 hours) home with them for the weekend. This is an exciting and fun way for your child to begin their school reading journey by sharing books with Bertie and Bobby in their own homes.