



St. Mark's Elm Tree Nursery

Weekly Newsletter w/b 11/9/17



The children have had a fantastic first week back and we are very proud of how well they have adapted to the new setting and routines. They have particularly impressed us all with how well they cope with lunch time and eating their school meal and packed lunches.

This half term's theme is 'All about me'

Our overarching topic this half term is 'All about me'. As part of the theme this week, we will be using mirrors, to look and talk about our faces and our expressions, which will lead on to learning about our feelings. We will be manipulating playdough to make what we can see in the mirrors and painting representations of our faces. We will also be baking face biscuits in our lovely new kitchen, which we will enjoy for our snack.

Important information:

If you have not provided your child's 'Free 30 HOURS CODE' you need to do this by the end of this week, Friday 15.09.17.

Books and book bags; Every Wednesday, once parents and carers have collected their child they are welcome to come back into nursery to choose a book to take home. Books can only be taken home if your child has a book bag. This is to stop books getting lost and damaged. There will be a folder for parents to sign books in and out. To make things easier for parents on the 'school run', book bags do not need to come into nursery any other day of the week.

The children having a school lunch seem to be really enjoying having a hot meal each day. We choose a mix of the 3 options from the main school menu and then give children a choice as they are served their lunch. If anyone is interested in swopping from a packed lunch to a school meal, please speak to a member of the team. They really are a nutritious and tasty home cooked meals.

Please help:

It is lovely to see you all bringing your children into the new cloakroom. We hope you are finding the new space much more welcoming and parent friendly. We have spaces available at breakfast club, which currently opens at 8am. Children are provided with a lovely varied breakfast and high quality child care with a 'home from home' atmosphere. The children who are currently using breakfast club are really enjoying it.

Things to do at home:



You could use a mirror or use a photo to help your child see and describe their own face, features and skin tone, perhaps talking about who they look like in their family. You might like to talk to your child about what you think makes them special and ask them what they like about themselves. Questions such as; '*What is your favourite toy to play with?*', '*Do you like going to the park or the beach?*'

Then move onto, 'What do you like doing at the park?' 'I think you are really good at swimming, what do you think you are good at?' These are all good starting points. Encourage your child to talk about themselves and build on what they say.

Special Events:

Please can you send a family photo in with your child's name on the back for next week (wk com 18.9.17)

We will use this to help your child to talk about their family during a circle time

Thanks again for all your support
Laurie Kidd & the nursery team
EYFS Leader/ Nursery Teacher

