

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so excited to be writing this letter to you, thinking ahead to September when we look forward to your child becoming part of the Foulsham Primary School community. We hope that you and your child are also getting excited!

We are looking forward to getting to know your child. We value each child as an individual; the beauty of being a small school is that we are able to get to know each child very quickly and to be more flexible when needed.

Please see some key dates for your diary below. We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of the events:

Thursday 13 th June 3:30 - 4:00pm	Stay and play - an opportunity for your child with a carer to spend some time playing within the school environment to allow them to begin to feel at home with us.
Wednesday 19 th June 3:30 - 4:00pm	Stay and play - an opportunity for your child with a carer to spend some time playing within the school environment to allow them to begin to feel at home with us.
Wednesday 26 th June 2:15 to 3:15pm	Teddy bear's afternoon tea - an opportunity for your child with a carer to enjoy a story with a teddy bear and a snack. (Please bring a Teddy bear and a snack from home).
Thursday 4 th July 6:00 - 6:30pm	Online Parent Information Evening -do join us online, with the rest of the school community, to hear about recent school updates and a chance to hear from Mr Elcock, who will be headteacher in September. Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTc3YzQxYzUtODJINS00YjdhlThIZjctYmY3NGZIMjM1ZTQy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220c6bfa8c-b787-417c-985e-9cf9e5e8cbbf%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225b0c8635-c13b-4f00-bd90-cfa24be61768%22%7d
Wednesday 10 th July 9:00am -3:00pm	Home Visit - a visit from the class teacher to your home giving you an opportunity to share information about your child and enabling your child to get to know their new teacher within their own environment. These visits are a really helpful part of preparing us and you for September and so we would encourage you to make an appointment and arrange a short 20-minute visit. <i>Please add your preferred time of day to the separate form attached.</i>
Thursday 11 th July 2:00 - 3:00pm	Transition afternoon - a chance for your child to spend time in Turtle class with their new teacher and other children.
School closed for Summer Break (19 th July - 4 th Sept)	'All About Me' Scrap Book - we would love it if you and your child would like to make a simple scrap book all about them. You can fill it with pictures, photos, leaflets and annotations by an adult so we know who is who and what the pictures are showing. We would love

	your child to bring the scrap book into school with them in September. We enjoy looking through the book with your child, other children also enjoy reading and looking, as will your child. We find this really helps the process of settling in and helps school staff to really get to know your child.
Wednesday 4 th September	Start of term Morning only 8:40 – 11:30am
Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th September	Morning and stay for lunch 8:40 – 1:15pm
From Monday 9 th September	Full days 8:40 – 8:50am drop off Pick up 3:15pm

It may be that the plan we have put together will perfectly suit your child, but I would encourage you to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect which may be a concern. In addition to this plan, we would be delighted to welcome any parents and children to come and enjoy a brief tour of the school over the coming few weeks.

We use an online platform called Tapestry to share learning in school with you and for you to share learning from home also. We would love to set your child up with an account as soon as possible so we can begin this sharing between home and school even before September. *Please add your consent and details to the separate form attached.*

You will receive a further pack of information about starting school when you attend our 'stay and play' sessions but I hope that in the meantime this letter will begin to raise excitement levels in your household!

Over the remainder of the summer term school staff will be speaking with your child's preschool setting in order to help this to be an exciting and smooth transition for your child. *Please add your child's preschool setting details to the separate form attached.*

Please do contact the school via email or telephone over the coming weeks to chat any of this through; no question is ever too silly to ask. We are looking forward to getting to know you and welcoming you into our special village-school community.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs J Lound
(Head of School)