

Folksworth C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Acorn Class! I hope your child has enjoyed their first few days with us. Please remember that I am here to work with you; if you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak to me at the end of the day or email me: bducket@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk.

A bit about me: This will be my fifth year of teaching. I have taught Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 but my passion is for the Early Years. I have always known I wanted to be a teacher and I absolutely love my job! As many of you know, I got married this summer. After our wedding, my husband and I spent two wonderful weeks relaxing and enjoying the sunshine in Mauritius. We have a pet dog called Rosie, we rehomed her from Beagle Welfare a couple of years ago. This year I will be teaching Reception and leading RE and Computing, which I am very excited about.

A bit about Acorn Class: The adults working in Acorn Class will be myself, Mrs Lynn and Miss Copeman. We will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit in school for this. We will start to send home reading books, please try to read with your child every night and record this in their reading diary. Comments in the reading diary need not be long. We will check reading diaries but if you have a comment or concern please speak to us or email me as this will be much more efficient than a note in your child's reading diary. We will also fill in your child's diary when we read with them at school. We will not be sending homework, however we will send home a phonics sound book which will contain the sounds and words your child has learnt that week. Please practise these with your child so that your child can recognise the letter, write the letter using cursive handwriting and say the sound the letter makes.

A bit about this year: We will start this year by spending the first couple of weeks getting to know your child, letting your child get to know us and their new environment so our first topic will be 'All about me!'. After this we will be following the children's interests so I am intrigued to find out where our learning will go! We will be following the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Contained within the framework are the Early Learning Goals which your child will be assessed against at the end of the year. The assessment is based on classroom observation - your child won't be tested. In Reception we have 7 areas of learning, these are: communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development, literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. Please speak to the office if you are able to come in to help in our class, we'd love to have lots of mums, dads and family members in to hear children read!

Celebration of Learning: Parents are invited to join us on Friday 21st of September at 2pm to join in with some activities and have a look at what we have been up to so far. Further details will follow but please keep this date in mind.

Finally, I am incredibly excited for the year ahead and hope you and your child are too. We are going to have an amazing year with lots of fun, learning, experiences, visitors and trips!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ducket

We are committed to providing high quality education in a Christian context, in which our children can flourish and develop as well-rounded individuals.