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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all existing parents and welcome to Tynsel Parkes all new parents and children. We hope that you have all enjoyed your summer break. We have really enjoyed our first few days getting to know your wonderful children. They have amazed us and made us very proud, finding their own pegs, trays and places on the carpet.

In the reception class we start each day with carpet time when children are registered and we choose a brilliant butterfly, who have 'special jobs' for the day. We then spend the morning completing Numbersense Maths, English and phonics activities. We use the afternoon to explore and develop the children's creative abilities, including topic work, PE, RE, PSHE and Music.

Every Thursday and Friday afternoon the children will have PE, thank you so much for helping your children learn to dress and undress themselves, it really is a big help.

Children receive a free piece of fruit/healthy snack during the day and can access their water bottles throughout the day, including lunchtimes. The bottles will be sent home every evening to be cleaned and returned the next day. All children are entitled to a free school meal due to the Government initiative for Reception and Key Stage 1 children. School lunches need to be ordered via the website: schoolgrid.co.uk you should all have logins for this website.

Home Learning

The children will bring home a piece of home learning each week, these will be linked to either English, maths or topic themed. There are also additional activities on the website under the curriculum tab. These activities cover all areas of the early years' curriculum and we would like you to complete some of these activities with your child during each half term.

Please return these sheets each week by **Thursday**, so that they can share their home learning with each other.

Your child also has a book from our reading scheme to discuss/read in their book bags. We encourage the children to read at least 5 times during the week. It doesn't have to be the whole book just a few pages will be beneficial. When you share your child's book please could

you sign and date the yellow reading diary. Reading is such an important skill. Discussing what is happening in the story is as important as trying to read the words.

WOW Moments

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. We would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We would encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child. You can do this in several ways, photographs, Post-it notes or messages in the home learning book. A WOW moment can be anything from a sporting moment to sleeping in their bed, to spotting numbers on road signs.

The school website provides diary dates and other general information to help you and your child as they begin their journey through Tynsel Parkes.

If you have any questions or worries about the above please email/ring the school and we will reply as soon as we can.

Just one final thing, please could you ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled with their name.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mellor

Class Teacher

Mrs Lauben

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Roberts

Teaching Assistant.