



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to wish you a warm welcome to Newlands Primary School. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and supporting them through their learning journeys.

This term Gold Finches and Green Finches will be covering the topic "All About Me". We will be making new friends, learning about our similarities and differences, practising skills to be independent while having lots of fun.

From the beginning of this term we will start our Read Write Inc phonics programme. The children will learn a new phonic sound each day and we will send home letter sheets to practise the letter formation. Each letter has its own rhyme to support your child to correctly write the letter shape. Please recite this with your child as they write. Please keep these at home for your own reference.

Our daily maths lessons will also begin this week and children will begin to look at number names, counting objects and patterns. The children will be learning lots of new songs during these sessions which we are sure they will share with you all at home.

At Newlands we are fortunate to have our own PE coach who will be taking your child for their PE sessions on a **Monday afternoon**. During the first few weeks your child will be allocated a house coloured team. Your child will require a school PE t-shirt in the corresponding colour. This can be purchased through Parent Pay. Children will be taking part in PE sessions from Monday the 14th of September but will not need to wear their PE kits for this session. We will let you know when children are required to come to school in their kits.

Within Reception we run a daily snack bar. We support the children to make their own snacks and take part in cooking activities. In order to continue this activity we ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 a term. This will start from the week beginning Monday 14th September. A letter explaining the details of this will follow shortly. This is paid using Parent Pay.

Communication with parents is something we value highly at Newlands and within Reception you will receive a weekly newsletter. This will tell you what we have covered in class during the week and how you can support your child at home. This will also be a way to inform you of any changes which may be happening over the coming week such as the need for PE kits.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead watching your children learn and grow. Any question please ask one of the Reception team.

We look forward to working together in the future.

Mrs Ward, Miss Parker and the Reception Team