



THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST



WHITEHORSE MANOR
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Executive Headteachers:

Mr M J Roberts & Ms L D Sampson

Head of Upper School: Mrs N Carpenter

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LITTLE CYPRESS NEWSLETTER – Autumn 1 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Little Cypress,

We are delighted to welcome the children to *Little Cypress* and would like to introduce ourselves. The Class Teachers for Gold and Silver Nursery are Miss A Chapman and Mrs F Jerman. The Manager of our Two Year Old provision (Rainbow Class) is Miss N Kokkini. The support staff are: Mrs T Nawol, Ms S Mussard, Miss A Cook and Ms S Khydher in Gold/Silver and Ms L Johnson, Mrs A Lee, Ms S Omar, Mrs J Marvellous and Miss J Harvey-Evans in Rainbows. Please feel free to visit our website if you want to see photos of our staff to familiarise yourself with everyone:

<https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/cypress-primary-school/information/staff>

Miss Chapman is the overall lead for Little Cypress and is also the Deputy Head of School, and she will be happy to answer any queries you may have. You will also have met or seen Ms Binks on the school gate who is our Acting Head of Lower School at Cypress. After Christmas, our substantive Head of School, Mrs Sorensen, will return from Maternity Leave.

Now that the children are gradually starting in Little Cypress, may we please take this opportunity to remind you of the following information:

- Staff will open the main doors to Little Cypress at **9.00am** (Gold class/Rainbow class/full timers arrival), **12.00 noon** (Gold class/Rainbow class mornings dismissal), from **3.05pm** (Rainbow class/full timers dismissal).
- It is imperative that you arrive on time for your child's sessions: arriving late is upsetting for the child and disruptive to the rest of the children and the staff. Please also collect your child on time.
- Only full-time children in Gold/Silver and Rainbows will have lunch here. You can choose to bring a packed lunch or have a school dinner at the cost of £2.60 per day. You can book and pay this through your Magic Booking account and accounts must be in credit at all times.
- **Please ensure all property brought to school (clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes, book bags) is clearly named** as the children do not always recognise their possessions.
- Please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat at school every day. The children have free-flow access to the outside for most of the day and need to have suitable clothing.
- Please bring in a filled water bottle for your child every day and the children will be reminded to place in the water bottle box in Gold/Silver and Rainbows. These will come home each day to be washed and re-filled.
- If you have not done so already, please purchase a school book bag/rucksack or send a bag in with your child to nursery every day. We will soon have in place a keyworker system and an adult in Little Cypress will help your child to choose a book once a week. Their keyworker will also work with your child on specific targets. The keyworker will be your first port of call for any day-to-day queries about your child, or to pass messages on. Of course, do ask to speak to one of the class teachers/manager if you need to. We will send further details of the keyworker system home shortly.
- Please practise and reinforce toilet routines with your child at home (e.g. asking to go to the toilets, wiping their bottom, washing hands). For Rainbows, please discuss toilet training/nappy changing with the Rainbow staff if you have not already during the parent consultations.

Please encourage your child to listen when others are speaking, to try not to interrupt and to respond when adults say their name. This is obviously age dependent; our very youngest children will gradually learn to do this!

Our theme for this half term is '**All About Me**'. Please send in a photo of your child with members of their family and write your child's name on the back, including who else is in the photo. Please also add any countries with which your family has connections.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum, focusing on the seven key areas of learning as follows:

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will learn to:

- ✓ develop a sense of belonging for our class;
- ✓ develop social relationships with each other;
- ✓ This will include learning our class rules and getting familiar with simple daily routines, such as sitting for short carpet sessions.

In **Physical Development**, we will learn to:

- ✓ develop autonomy in self-care;
- ✓ move within available space;
- ✓ respond to music and stories through movement;
- ✓ develop control over a range of tools.

In **Communication and Language**, we will focus on developing our listening skills.

In **Literacy**, we will share stories and rhymes and practise joining in with repetitive text.

In **Mathematics**, we will:

- ✓ practise counting, saying number names in sequence;
- ✓ begin to make comparisons between quantities;
- ✓ notice simple shapes in the environment;
- ✓ compare sizes using words such as big/small; bigger/smaller.

In **Understanding the World**, we will: explore a range of messy play, small world equipment and IT software. We will also begin to make friends and develop an interest in each other and our environment.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will:

- ✓ learn simple action songs;
- ✓ investigate a range of construction materials;
- ✓ begin to combine movement, media, materials or marks.

We look forward to working with you and your children! Please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff if you have any queries or concerns.



A. Chapman

Miss Chapman and the Little Cypress Team



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Dates for your diary	
Friday 20 th September	Jeans for Genes Day – wear denim and bring a £1
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan coffee morning
Wednesday 2 nd October	Nursery Welcome Meeting for Parents (9.15am, Lower School hall)
Monday 7 th October	CYP Lower – Parent/Teacher Evening
Tuesday 8 th October	Individual and Sibling Photos at CYP Lower
Thursday 10 th October	CYP Lower – Parent/Teacher Evening
Friday 18 th October	Last day of Autumn 1 for children
	HALF TERM
Wednesday 30 th October	First day of Autumn 2 for children
Friday 13 th December	Little Cypress Christmas singing (either 10.30am or 2.30pm)
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn 2 term for children