

# Mr Blackburn's Newsletter

Autumn 1 2019



## Meet the Team/Marvellous Me

Teacher: Mr Blackburn

Learning Support: Miss Gibson and Mrs McDonald

Care Team- Karen Nicholson and Anne Coleman

Please ask if you have any concerns regarding your child. **Marvellous Me is a free app that will send**

regular updates from your child's teacher to your phone. Ask school for your user code or if you want help setting it up.



## Golden Rules

We want all children to be happy and safe. In class, we will be teaching and encouraging children to



1. Stay focussed for an appropriate time based on their needs
2. Become 'good' listeners
3. Have kind hands- not to hurt others
4. Say/sign please and thank you
5. Recognise their own belongings

## Independence

Independence is about learning to do things for oneself, which includes making decisions and taking on responsibility. These are hugely important skills for children to learn to cope with in adulthood. Helping children to become independent is seen as so important that it is a major focus of our curriculum. You can help us continue to encourage independence by doing small things at home such as asking children to take smaller items of clothes off, collecting something they need and helping to tidy toys away.



## Learning at Home

During this half term, your child will receive a book to share at home with you. Please read with your child four nights a week and sign their reading record after each read. They will then be rewarded with a Golden Ticket to enter a prize draw to win a book in Friday's celebration assembly. Practise really does make perfect!

*"If you want your kids to WANT to read, then read amazing books aloud to them every single day."*

Towards the end of the half term, your child will receive homework to complete every week. This will be a short task that will help to improve their concentration for a short period of time.

We will send you more information nearer the time.



## Health Care Plans and Appointments

All children have a Health Care plan that you completed with Miss Gibson (Lead Carer). If anything needs changing on the plan, please let us know and we can arrange a time to meet to amend.

We know our children may have medical appointments, where possible we would appreciate it if appointments could be made outside the academy day. If this is not possible, please send the appointment letter in for our records.



If you want to speak to me about anything, please write a message in your child's orange home school diary, and I will phone or arrange a meeting time.