



St. Margaret's at Cliffe Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter - Terms 1 and 2, 2018-2019

Mrs Hoile and Miss Trevor

Hello and welcome to Class R!

What an exciting start to the new school year for the children. The children have been getting to know their new classroom environment and routines and soon they will be taking a tour of the school. They are beginning to settle in very well to life at 'big school'!

In the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum we observe the children in their learning by teaching and setting challenges within our learning environment, inside and outside.

Your child may come home a little grubby some days when we may have used paint, dough, mud or water! We do encourage children to use aprons but sometimes their keenness to learn takes over!

Good News Slips – In the cloakroom area, above the children's trays we will place Good News slips for you. Please celebrate learning from home and fill in the slips as often as possible. Tell us about significant new achievements that your child makes during this first year at school. The latest news will always be displayed on your child's star.

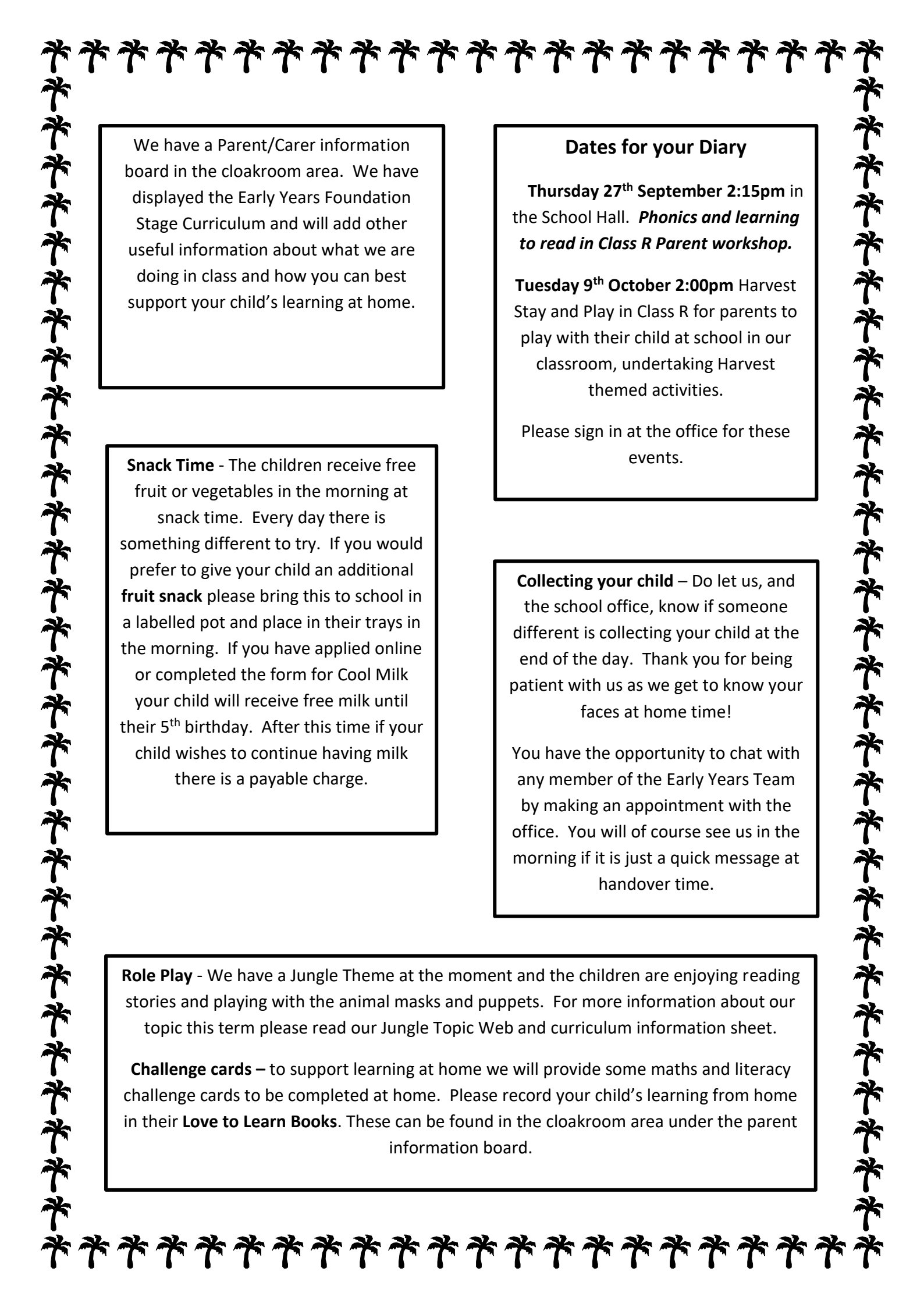
Thank you for all the information you have provided about your child at the parent meetings. This will help us to build up a picture of your child and to support their interests and their learning at school.

Love to Learn Books – These books are for you and your child to share their learning and interests from home. Please use them for drawing, writing and sticking in items of interest from home or from days out together. Your child could practise letter formation or writing their name. Perhaps your child could draw their family and friends. We will share their work from home in class. We will also add learning activities each week for you to complete together at home.

Reading routine – Please choose and read new class library books with your child, from the books in the cloakroom area. We will change their reading scheme books and provide the children with a phonic book to read at home with you. The children will need their **book bags, reading books and contact books in school every day.**

Thank you.

Please ensure that your child's name is on all their belongings in school, including packed lunch boxes and water bottles.



We have a Parent/Carer information board in the cloakroom area. We have displayed the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and will add other useful information about what we are doing in class and how you can best support your child's learning at home.

Snack Time - The children receive free fruit or vegetables in the morning at snack time. Every day there is something different to try. If you would prefer to give your child an additional **fruit snack** please bring this to school in a labelled pot and place in their trays in the morning. If you have applied online or completed the form for Cool Milk your child will receive free milk until their 5th birthday. After this time if your child wishes to continue having milk there is a payable charge.

Role Play - We have a Jungle Theme at the moment and the children are enjoying reading stories and playing with the animal masks and puppets. For more information about our topic this term please read our Jungle Topic Web and curriculum information sheet.

Challenge cards – to support learning at home we will provide some maths and literacy challenge cards to be completed at home. Please record your child's learning from home in their **Love to Learn Books**. These can be found in the cloakroom area under the parent information board.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th September 2:15pm in the School Hall. ***Phonics and learning to read in Class R Parent workshop.***

Tuesday 9th October 2:00pm Harvest Stay and Play in Class R for parents to play with their child at school in our classroom, undertaking Harvest themed activities.

Please sign in at the office for these events.

Collecting your child – Do let us, and the school office, know if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day. Thank you for being patient with us as we get to know your faces at home time!

You have the opportunity to chat with any member of the Early Years Team by making an appointment with the office. You will of course see us in the morning if it is just a quick message at handover time.