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Dear Parents/Carers

We are so excited to welcome you and your child to their very first term of school. At the start of every term we will send you information about what your child will be learning and any other updates you may need to know about.

### Contacting us

In the first term you will receive a reading record, which we check daily. You will also receive a Home/School Communication Book. Please also check it for messages from your child's class teacher. You can also contact us via the staff members at the drop off door in the morning. If you have a question about the school in general email the office on [office@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk) or if you have a concern, compliment or suggestion then please contact a member of the senior leadership team on [questions@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:questions@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk) and we will respond as soon as possible.

### Photos

In the first week, please send in a picture of the special people in your child's life. We will use these photos as part of our English lessons to consolidate our understanding of different families and help them develop their group speaking skills.

### Drinks bottles and snacks

Your child will not need to bring in a snack as they are eligible for free daily fruit. We recommend you send your child in with a named drinks bottle as we find children drink more from their own bottle than from the cups and jug we provide. This must be water only. Your child is eligible for daily free school milk until they are 5, after which you can choose to pay for it. Please speak to the office about registering your child for free school milk.

### Reading

During your child's first week of school they will receive a pack with a reading record and a reading book. These are wordless books that tell a story through pictures. They will help your child to develop their speaking and listening skills through creating and telling stories. Please encourage your child to look carefully through each page and talk about what is happening, thinking about the characters and what they are doing. Part of your child's weekly homework will be to read with you as often as possible – at least three times a week. Please record in their reading record when you read with them. This helps us ensure that every child is receiving the amount of adult supported reading they need to be successful. Please ensure this is in school every day so we can use the resources inside to read with your child as often as possible. We will introduce books with words once we have taught some of the phase 3 letters and sounds and some of the key words.





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### Nut policy

We are a **nut free school** as we have staff and children with **severe** nut allergies. Please keep this new policy in mind when choosing lunch box items or birthday sweets for the class.

### Spare clothes

Even a child who has been dry during the day for a while might have the occasional accident at school, especially in the first term while they're working out how to manage a brand new uniform, toilets and unfamiliar space. Please put a spare change in your child's book bag – just in case! It is our policy to inform you if we have provided your child with intimate care in this way.

### Allergies

Please speak to your child's teacher regarding any skin sensitivities or allergies. Our play clothes are regularly washed using supermarket brand washing tablets and our aprons are plastic. If we are planning an activity that involves tasting or cooking food we will let you know in advance.

### School dinners

Your child's first school dinner will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure you have booked your child's dinner in advance. Although you do not need to pay for school dinners until your child is in Year 3, you will still need a SCOPAY account. Please contact the school office on [office@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk) if you have any difficulty registering for SCOPAY or using our online dinner order menu.

### PE kits

Please ensure your child has their named PE kit in school every day. Our PE days will be on Tuesday and Friday but we also use PE kits for days when we go on nature walks or do extra sports and games outside.

### Evaluate your child's transition

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 8.45 we invite you to meet the Head teacher for tea/coffee and review how your child's start at school has been. We take your feedback very seriously and use it to inform our planning for the next academic year's transition.

### Phonics stay and play session

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 you are invited to spend the final hour of the day in class with your child. We will give a presentation about how to support your child as they learn to read and write, including helpful activities to do at home. You will then get the chance to take part in a phonics lesson alongside your child, to see this in practice.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Walker and Miss Clark

