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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Weekly Newsletter Autumn 2 Week 2**

#### **Newstead Hives**

The transition to the new hives has gone well this week and the children have coped well with the gradual changes. From Monday the children will be in their new hives permanently and will be in their new hives for all whole group activities and whole group sessions. Thankyou to the class teachers and support staff for their hard work in ensuring that this has all gone smoothly.

#### **Parents Evening**

Now that all of our children have started for the term we are going to look at holding our first parents evening. We will be offering appointments in person or via teams on the evening of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Further information will be sent out next week about how we will organise these appointments and how you will be able to book them.

#### **Firefighter Visit**

On Thursday we had a visit from Firefighter John who brought in all of his kit to show us and let the children try on. He spoke to the children about how to keep safe and what kind of jobs he did as a firefighter. The children listened well and there were some very good questions asked, we were proud of all the children and how well they engaged. Thankyou to Fiona for organising this and to John for giving up his time to come in to work with us.

#### **Reading Books and PE**

We are hearing lots of positives about the children's reading books and how much families are enjoying sharing them at home. To start with the children are following a two-weekly cycle with these, we will also be introducing a library book which the children will also be able to bring home to share.

PE has been a great success today, can we please remind parents that **children will need to come in to school every Friday wearing their PE kit**. Information was on last week's newsletter and can also be found on the school website.

## **Headlice**

A parent has made us aware that they have needed to treat their child for headlice, please could we ask that you check and treat your child's hair as necessary to prevent any further spread. The child in question has had full treatment and the parent is confident that the issue is resolved but we wanted to inform others so action could be taken if needed.

## **What have we been learning this week?**

This week we have enjoyed spending time in our new classrooms and working with some new friends. We had a visit from a Firefighter on Thursday and had fun taking turns to try on the uniform- we looked super smart! On Friday we enjoyed our first PE session. What a busy week we have had!

## **Snack-time**

Thankyou to all the parents who have opted to send in the **weekly voluntary contribution of £2 per week** towards the cost of providing the snacks for the children, this is greatly appreciated.

Please can we ask that if you are sending your child with their own snack it follows our guidance of **a digestive biscuit, rich tea, plain cracker or breadstick** to match what is provided to the rest of the children and to ensure that the offer is fair and equitable to all, when children have brought other items this has caused issues and upset for other children and this is something we would always look to avoid.

## **Time Capsule – Last chance!!**

We still have a few more time capsule information pages outstanding, next week is your last chance to get this in to us if you are wanting it to be included please.

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton,

Head of School