

Montbelle Primary School

# Welcome to Montbelle Primary School

New to Nursery Welcome Meeting  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018



# Parents as Partners...

- Home – School Partnership
- **Communication** - school website, newsletter, emails, drop-in sessions, daily contact
- **PTA-** coffee mornings, fundraising
- **Workshops**



# Rising 3's

Before your child begins at Montbelle, we have arranged for 3 sessions where you and your child can come in to explore the Nursery environment and familiarise yourself with key members of staff.

Dates:

**Tuesday 27th November 2018- 10am-11am in the classroom.** (Mrs Aylmer and Nursery team)

**Monday 3rd December 2018- 10am-11am in the classroom.** (Miss Till and Nursery team)

**Monday 10th December 2018- 10am- 11am in the classroom.** (Miss Till and Nursery team)

All children (both morning and afternoon) are invited to the rising 3s' club sessions. These are planned to familiarise your child with their new environment and the key adults within them before starting in January 2019.

# General Information



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 =Home visit time will be assigned by our admin team

Nursery begins with staggered start to support the children in the best way possible during this new time. This will be from **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

Your letter will confirm your child exact start date.

Morning Nursery = 8.30-11.30am

Afternoon Nursery = 12.30-3.30pm

Each child's needs will be assessed on an individual basis. If we feel your child needs a longer integration period we will discuss the matter with you individually.

# Homevisits

- Will take place for all families new to Montbelle Primary School
- 20 minute meeting in your own home.
- Will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. A time will be arranged by our admin team due to a very tight schedule that day.



# Teachers in Nursery

Class Teacher and  
Early Years Phase leader  
= Gemma Till



Teaching Assistant = Saffron Tough



Teaching Assistant= Megan Meyers



# Teaching & Learning



THE FIRST 3 WEEK = settling in

Our priority = **well being and involvement**

**New learning will centre on:**

- Getting to know each other
- Learning to separate from parents
- Getting to know our school routines
- Learning how to follow our rules and stay safe

**Activities will focus on:**

- Children's interests
- Enjoyment and fun
- Collaboration and opportunities to work together

**Teacher's role will focus on:**

- Actively playing with and alongside children
- Sustained shared thinking and talk
- Getting to know children and what they enjoy and can do

# Baseline Assessment

Baseline assessments will be carried out on all Nursery children within the first 6 weeks of joining school.

- Judgements are based on conversations, observations and playful interactions - not formal tests- and will be carried out in class by class teachers

Assessments will focus on all 7 areas of our EYFS curriculum

Children's wellbeing, involvement and characteristics of learning will also be assessed.



## Our Early Years Ethos...

- = Child initiated
- = Play based
- = Indoor & outdoor
- = Early Learning Goals
- = Holistic

# Drop off & collection information...



## DAILY ROUTINE:

-Entrance to the school is through the top gate on Milverton Way. Buzz on if the gate isn't open but only 5 minutes before drop off/pick up please. If late walk around to the main gate and enter through school office.

-Parents are asked to wait outside the back classroom door – please close the gates behind you as you enter and exit the playground.

**-Please do not allow children to play with any of the resources set out before or after school.**

## SEPARATION

Our aim is for all children to separate happily and independently enter the Nursery.

You know your child best and we are flexible so if needs be we will work out an individual plan to support you and your child.

# Attendance and Punctuality

- Ideally children need to be in school everyday to benefit from the wealth of learning opportunities that will help them develop and make accelerated progress.
- We monitor attendance and punctuality carefully at Montbelle and will investigate any recurring issues or problems.
- Our school attendance target is **97%**.
- Family holidays should be taken during school holiday times.
- **Attendance procedure** – please telephone school office as soon as possible at the start of school day. Follow up in writing when child returns to school. Medical evidence is required for prolonged absence.

**Good attendance and punctuality in Nursery sets the pattern for the rest of schooling**

# What can you expect?

Children can be...

- very tired
- excited at first
- unwell a lot in their first full year of school.

We suggest.....

- early to bed, time to switch off
- talking to children about their experiences.
- a healthy balanced diet, lots of water



# How can you prepare your child?

- a) Talk to them about:
  - change, feelings, emotions
- b) Be positive yourself
- c) Help them to become independent:
  - a) putting shoes on
  - b) dressing themselves
  - c) going to the toilet



# School Uniform

- Sensible black school shoes or trainers, no sandals please
- Maroon tracksuit– with or without logo
- White polo shirt – with or without school logo
- Grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Pink and white checked summer dress (optional during Summer term)
- cardigan or jumper

Separate change of clothes in a bag to be kept on child's peg.



# School Uniform

- Can be purchased from Graduate's School Wear in Orpington in person, by phone, online.
- The PTA throughout the year through coffee mornings and fundraising events will sell second hand uniform.
- Please note not to send your child to school wearing jewellery, thank you.

# Our holiday challenge...

## *My Special Shoe Box*

- Decorate a shoe box, the brighter the better
  - Fill with 'special' items  
Items that your child would like to bring and show to the class and that are special to them.
  - Bring into school to share and celebrate with the class.
- (This information is printed and available for you to take with you today)





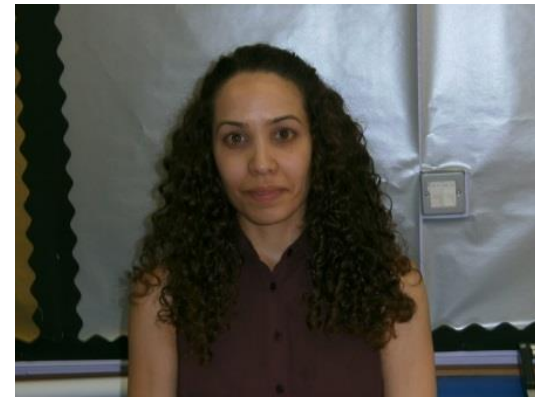
# Other members of School staff here to help you...



Miss Till- EYFS Leader



Mrs Aylmer EYFS/KS1  
Leader



Miss Ras- HLTA

# Other members of School staff here to help you...

**Office staff** – general paperwork and forms, school dinners, school trips, school clubs, general school queries.



Jo Stratton



Alison Hawkins



Kim Rouse

# Other members of School staff here to help you...



Elspeth Geden  
Head Teacher



Sarah Stewart  
SENCO, Inclusion Manager

Vicky Nicolosi  
Family support worker

**SENCO and Inclusion** – if you have any concerns about your child, if you need any support as a family, if your child has any barriers to learning.

# What will you need to remember in September?

- Your child's school start date
- Your homevisit session
- School uniform
- Bookbag
- Check you emails
- A SMILE...



*Any  
questions?*