



# Topaz Newsletter

Week three has been amazing. We have loved having all the children in school together and trying the school lunches. I am very pleased to say this has gone very well. I look forward to having them in school fulltime from next week onwards!

Below is some information that we have received questions about, so I hope it helps:

## Lunches:

- At Alexander Hosea lunches start at 11:45 the children are guided down, after washing hands, and taken to the hall where they are settled into their seats. If they are school lunches, then they are taken a group at a time to collect their lunches. They are then sat down to eat their lunch.
- During lunch they are supported by their lovely lunchtime supervisor Mrs Chappell and the wonderful Playpals who are older children from the school who come and support our class.
- After they eat lunch in school, they go out to play in the big playground with the other children like they have been doing this week.
- Teachers will not be out to play with them during the lunch break but will help settle them into the hall for their lunch. We will be on hand if required but we use this time to build independence and confidence in the children.

## What to bring and when:

- On Thursday and Friday, the children will need to wear their PE kits.
- Fridays they need to bring their forest school kit in a bag.
- Every day the children should come in with a coat and a jumper as the weather is constantly changing now and we love to use our outdoor environment.

## What could be done at home to help with school:

- You could practice putting on coats and jumpers at home and taking them off again.
- You could also encourage having a go at their coat zips. Even if they cannot put the zips into the hole at the bottom you could put it in and encourage them to zip up the rest of their coats independently.
- We use the inside out method in school for turning coats in the right way – putting one hand through and pulling the sleeve out the correct way. If you would like to practice this at home that would be amazing as it helps boost your child's independence.



Friday 29th September 2023



Reminders:

- Parents meeting for all parents: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm-3:30pm.
- Children need to bring coats into school with them as the weather can change quite unpredictably at this time of year.
- Should you need to get in contact about something it would be best to email myself [james.keeping@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:james.keeping@sgmail.org.uk)
- The home/schoolbooks will be going home every Friday. They have some background on what we've been looking at this week and some advice for how to practice at home. Daily practice of phonics at home would be super for the children and really benefit their learning



We are looking forward to another amazing week next week!

Mr Keeping