



TOP TIPS FOR NEW PARENTS (FROM OTHER PARENTS)

- Encourage your child to go on playdates with other children from the class
- Try not to worry – each child develops differently – emotionally and physically. Trust in the teachers
- Label everything! The easiest way is to use straightening irons to stick on iron-on labels. Biro washes out, so if you must write it, use a sharpie
- Children are very tired after school – especially in the first few months. Don't plan too much for after school. Bring a snack. They come out ravenous!
- Bring in their P.E. kit on their first day and leave it on their peg, that way you don't need to worry about it again
- Keep a lunch menu at home so you can pick lunch together before coming into school
- Find out what days the class have PE. If they have difficulty getting themselves dressed, put them in something easy, e.g. polo shirt instead of button up shirt
- Don't buy shoes with laces unless they can tie them themselves
- Drop offs are busy, so only talk to teacher in the morning if it is important. Otherwise they have much more time to give after school and won't be so rushed



- Join FOMS and get involved with the school community
- Bring a snack for the end of the day – especially if you have to walk home. Mine were always starving by 3.15
- Go to as many of the parent meetings as possible – particularly the reading and phonics parent talk at the beginning of the year. Very useful!
- Read with your child as often as you possibly can, it really helps their progress in Phonics
- Don't knock school dinners! Mine would barely eat anything other than chips at home, but will eat everything on the school menu. Peer pressure can work wonders!
- Make sure you read the weekly newsletter that gets emailed to you, it has all the important upcoming information.
- Talk directly to the teacher for help and guidance with their learning at home.
- M and S do the best uniform! I know it's a bit more expensive, but it lasts. All my cheap clothes had to be replaced after the first term and so you end up paying out more.
- Arrive early for your class assembly so you can get a good spot! The class assembly in the summer term is for parents to come and watch (and grandparents if possible!)
- Children will often come home mucky – make sure you get a coat that can be washed easily. Children go out in all weathers.
- Try to get to know the other parents in your child's class by organising a social event once a term.
- Once you have made friends with other parents, see if you can take it in turns to pick up/drop off kids to school.
- Do a trial 'try on your uniform' day and walk to school so your child becomes familiar with the process.
- Make sure you purchase a book bag and check what is in it every day – there are often notes and pieces of work that can go unseen for weeks if not thoroughly checked!
- Don't give your child too much to eat in their packed lunch – be realistic about how much they



will eat when they are desperate to

go out and play!