Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term in Tadpoles. Our theme until the end of the term will be ‘Up in the Air’. We will be learning about the weather, seasons, flight and will be enjoying celebrating Chinese New Year.

We are also of course following the children’s interests too and have lots of exciting play activities.

Here is some additional information about life in Tadpoles:

**Spare clothes**
Every child needs to have couple of sets of spare change of clothes to be left in Tadpoles, hanging on your child’s peg. Children may get wet or dirty from one of the exciting learning experiences we enjoy in EYFS! Please if you have wellies, you can leave them in Tadpoles so the children can use the nursery mud kitchen that would be great thanks.

**Dressing for the weather**
As the days can be cooler and wetter, can we please ask that your child comes to Tadpoles every day in a warm coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day and so children need to be able to wrap up warm. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that they are able to change themselves, especially when using starting to use the toilet. Shoes are best with Velcro fastenings at school. Long, untied laces can be dangerous in a bustling learning environment.

**Adults who help us:**
You may have noticed we have lots of lovely adults to help out in the Tadpoles class at the moment. We have Susannah(nursery) and Tharana (nursery) covering Liz( doing a course), Nawell helps us in the mornings and Jess helps us too. The children are getting on very well and have already built lovely relationships with these lovely adults.

**Sharing your child’s learning**
You have all been sent observations from 2Build A Profile. The team work hard to create these and so we hope you find them informative and enjoyable. Simply by replying to these emails you can send us photos and a few lines to share what your child has been learning and doing at home. Perhaps they have been to the Zoo, park or to see grandparents, maybe they start doing something they couldn’t do before, they might make an lovely picture at home or go on a fabulous adventure. We’d love to share in those experiences so please send us updates and we can form a wonderful picture of your child’s abilities and achievements at home and school. You are very welcome to take profile books home and add photos , pictures of what you are doing as well.

**Parental talents:**
We’d be over the moon to have any of you would like to come to Tadpoles to sing with us, do some cookery, enjoy some art or play a musical instrument, do some storytelling or share any other interest or

Head Teacher: Robin Warren
talent you have. Please chat to a member of the Tadpoles team if you’re inspired. To join us sign up sheet near the door.

**Attendance**
Bringing your children in at the beginning of each session on time is really beneficial to young children setting up a routine and starting with their peers to the whole session. Please also be prompt at pick up times too as staff have a lot of do between sessions and after school, many thanks.

**And finally...**
A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to ‘have a go’ at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them ‘you can do it’. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child’s successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all. If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

Liz and the Tadpoles team