

### Early Years Staff:

Class Teacher— Mrs Diane Smith

Teaching Assistants—

Mrs Laura Barnes (Stars based)

Mrs Katharine Church (Stars based)

Mrs Donna Furnell (Stars based)

Mrs Gina Hocking (Saturn based)

Mrs Lynn Elson (Stars pm)

### Early Years Classes

Stars Class (2yr 9months—4 years)

Saturn Class ( 4-5 years)

To comply with legal guidelines from September 2019 Westoning Pre School will become a **nursery class**, overseen by Diane Smith, who is a qualified teacher with an early years specialism including a PGCE in Early Years Management. Mrs Smith will spend time in both classes and will be supported by an enthusiastic and experienced team of Higher Level Teaching Assistants. These combine years of experience in teaching, and supporting education from ages 2 to 5. The new staff will work together to maximise children's learning and experiences from the beginning of their education to the end of reception class.

The classes will retain their own expertise in developing and extending children learning, whilst following the same themes and topics providing a positive and nurturing start to early learning.

### What's Changed?

Some procedures within Stars Class will change from September. Children will be welcomed into the classroom door in the morning and will be encouraged to find their own named peg and hang up their own belongings. This is to encourage independence and ensure the safety of children within the setting. At home time parents will meet their children at the classroom door and collect their own belongings before they leave. Any relevant information can be passed onto parents at this point.

Children will have a named key worker, who will be monitoring and observing your child's progress at regular intervals through out the year. Journals will be sent home for parents to see the progress their children have made and their learning goals for the next half term. Parents are welcome to discuss their child's progress and /or concerns at any time. While the majority of time will be spent within the child's own classroom working towards their own age related outcomes both classes will have time together during the day for snack and free flow play.

### Snack and Lunch Arrangements

In early years we have a healthy snack in the morning and afternoon such as fruit, vegetables or bread sticks. The children are also offered a cup of milk or water.

Children need to bring a named water bottle into school each day, so they can access drink as they need it.

At lunch time all the children will eat together in the main hall at 11.45 before the rest of the school come into lunch. They will be supervised in the hall by Mrs Smith and Mrs Hocking along with the lunch time supervision team.

After lunch, the Early Years children will be supervised outside, playing in the small inner playground. At 12.30 the children will return to their classroom for the afternoon session.

If your child is having school meals, please help your child make their choice on arrival, using the board in the cloak-room



## Important information

- ◆ Stars Class sessions  
Morning session 8.45—11.45  
Lunch 11.45—12.30  
Afternoon 12.30—3.30
- ◆ Children in Stars Class need to be dropped off and collected from the Stars Classroom door, off the pathway (not the main school entrance off the playground).
- ◆ Children will only be allowed to leave with adults that have authority to collect them. Please let staff know if a child is not being collected by one of their named adults.
- ◆ In warm weather, in accordance with school policy, sun cream needs to be applied before school. Please ensure your child has a sun hat.
- ◆ In colder weather, please ensure that your child has a coat, as we will be going outside in all weathers.
- ◆ Uniform is optional (burgundy polo shirt for Stars Class). Children must have enclosed footwear to protect their feet.
- ◆ Newsletters go out on Fridays by email.
- ◆ Please ensure that bags, jumpers etc. are clearly named.
- ◆ A voluntary contribution box will be in Stars cloakroom. We ask for a contribution of £1 per week (£6 per half term) to cover the cost of snack, cooking, gardening, etc.

## Areas of Learning

**Communication and Understanding**—listening and attention, **understanding** and speaking

**Physical Development**—moving and handling, health and self care.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**—self confidence and awareness, managing feelings and behaviour and making relationships.

**Literacy** - reading and writing.

**Mathematics** - number and space, shape and measure.

**Understanding of The World** - communities, living things and technology.

**Expressive Art and Design** - Art, music, dance, singing, role play and being creative.

**Westoning Lower School**

**Welcome to**



**Stars Class**

**2019/20**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Key worker \_\_\_\_\_