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Acorn Newsletter

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This week the children were very excited to find out which house they are in and to make their house flags to take home. There are lots of ways for your child to gain house points for their house (team).

These are;

- Home learning – completing any tasks that we may have suggested for you to do with your child
- Tapestry – sharing any new accomplishments or WOW moments onto Tapestry such as sleeping all night in their own bed.
- Reading – when you have shared a library book or another book with your child, please make a comment in the reading diary to show us you have shared a book at home. We will award home reading with house points.
- Attendance – for those children who have been here all week, they will receive a house point every Friday.



Please make sure that your child has shoes with Velcro fastening to avoid them tripping over and so that they can fasten them themselves. Thank you for working with us.

Every child now has their own Tapestry account where we will upload photos, videos and observations of them. Over this weekend we will add on your e-mail addresses that you gave us at the home visits and you should then receive an e-mail to enable you to access your child's learning journey. This e-mail might go to your junk or trash folder so please check them if you can't find it. Please follow the instructions on the e-mail ensuring that you set up a password and PIN. The app is free to download onto mobile phones and tablets, just search for 'Tapestry Journal'. It is an expectation that all parents use Tapestry to view their child's achievements as well as make comments and add their own photos from home learning. If you have any problems with Tapestry, please see Mrs McCabe at the end of the sessions.



All children will be coming home with a zippy wallet containing a book that your child has chosen from the library. Inside is also a reading diary. It is an expectation that you share books with your child and comment in the reading diary. Sharing a book can be you reading it to them or looking at the pictures together and talking about what they see. We do not expect the children to read the book for themselves. Book bags need to come to nursery every Thursday and will be returned on a Friday ready to share over the next week. Any library books that are damaged or lost are expected to be paid for.

Today we are sending home a brown bag to collect some Autumn treasures. Children who return their bag on Monday will receive a house point.



If your child is entitled to 30-hour funding, please make sure your funding is renewed when it is necessary or this may affect their full-time place.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs McCabe and Miss Devereux