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## Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

### Message from the staff team.

Hello and welcome to Selby Abbey Preschool's first newsletter of the 2025-26 school year.

What a busy start to the term we have had, we have been delighted to welcome all our new and existing families over the past few weeks and have been very proud of all the children so far.

We are quickly getting to know everyone and will be conducting our initial assessments very soon.

Look out for a letter over the next few weeks with information about your child's key person, this person will support your child learn and develop over the next year.

### This term's topic focus.

Each half term we will have a focus topic to help us plan activities, topics are not exhaustive and we will adapt and change planning when we think it is needed to suit the children's learning development and interests.

This term our focus topic is 'All About Me', we will be learning about ourselves, our families, our homes, and our likes and dislikes among many other things.

Our children have started this topic by drawing and making some fantastic faces using lots of different creative resources.

Over the past few days we have also enjoyed working our gross and fine motor muscles during our large mark making sessions.



### Communication.

Our main communication method is class dojo, all our families should now have connected with this app.

Class dojo is used to send messages between staff and parents, award children dojo points, and to send home updates about your child's development. If anyone has any issues with this app please let a staff member know.

We ask you let us know via dojo or telephone (01757703817 option 3) if your child is going to absent before 9:30am.

## Reminders.

- Please label all your children belongings including bottles, pack lunch boxes, bags, and coats.
- If your child is in nappies we do prefer you bring nappies rather than pullups as this makes our nappy changing process easier for staff.
- We open our preschool gates for home times at 11:50am and 2:50pm please ensure you are punctual to avoid late fee's.
- Please book school lunches via parent pay, these will need booking 2 weeks in advance. (please double check the menu before booking).
- Please ensure children are safe and remain with you at all times when entering the school car park at pick up and drop off times as cars do move throughout the day.
- If your child brings grapes in their packed lunch, please make sure they are sliced to prevent chocking hazards.

## Dates for your diary.

**2<sup>nd</sup> October, special school lunch:** Best of British.

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> October, 9:15am-10:am Stay and Play:** Meet your key person and enjoy spending time with your child in our setting. Please ensure you book only one of these slots as places are limited to ensure our children are not overwhelmed if it becomes too busy.

**24<sup>th</sup> October, break up for half term.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, return to school.**