



Dear Parents & Carers

20th October 2017

Year 1 Family Workshop

The staff at Blossomfield are committed to working with parents as partners in education and with this in mind we would like to invite you to a curriculum family workshop. This session aims to build the confidence of parents and school in working more effectively together, to increase parental involvement in their child's learning at home and to raise levels of achievement. We believe that this approach will bring teachers and parents closer together; giving them a better understanding of each other and children's learning. Your child's session will take place on:

Tuesday 7 November - for ALL of WILLOW class and those children in ELM class whose surnames begin with A-K inclusive

Wednesday 8 November for ALL of HAZEL class and those children in ELM class whose surnames begin with L-Z inclusive

On this occasion we will be concentrating on the teaching and learning of phonics. During the first 20 minutes teachers will share information with parents about methods of teaching phonics. For the remainder of the session children will work with their adult on an activity to support their phonics skills. The aim is to encourage children and parents to work together to build confidence with phonics, and to show how this can support reading and writing.

This is an opportunity to spend quality one to one time with your child and their teacher in the school setting, working on an aspect of the curriculum. The expectation is that a parent/carer or other adult, for example a Grandparent, will come into school to work with each child. The nature of this activity means that younger siblings will not be able to attend, however Treehouse Kid's Club will be running a FREE crèche that parents can use during their child's session. **To book a place at this crèche please ring Treehouse directly on 0779 958 2256 at least two days before the session; places are limited.**

The session will take place in the school hall and teachers will be ready to begin promptly at 9am. If an adult is unable to attend, your child will not take part in the activity in the hall but will work with a classroom assistant in the classroom on a similar activity. We very much look forward to seeing you there and would ask that you please fill in and return the attached slip to a member of staff or to the school office by **Friday 3rd November**, thank you.

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Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

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| | Please tick as appropriate |
| A parent/carer or other adult WILL BE attending this workshop | |
| A parent/carer or other adult WILL NOT be attending this workshop | |

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____