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## INFORMATION for EYFS PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again, the EYFS team would like to welcome you to Frinton Primary School! We are delighted to be working in partnership with you and will do all we can to make your child's transition into school as smooth and happy as possible.

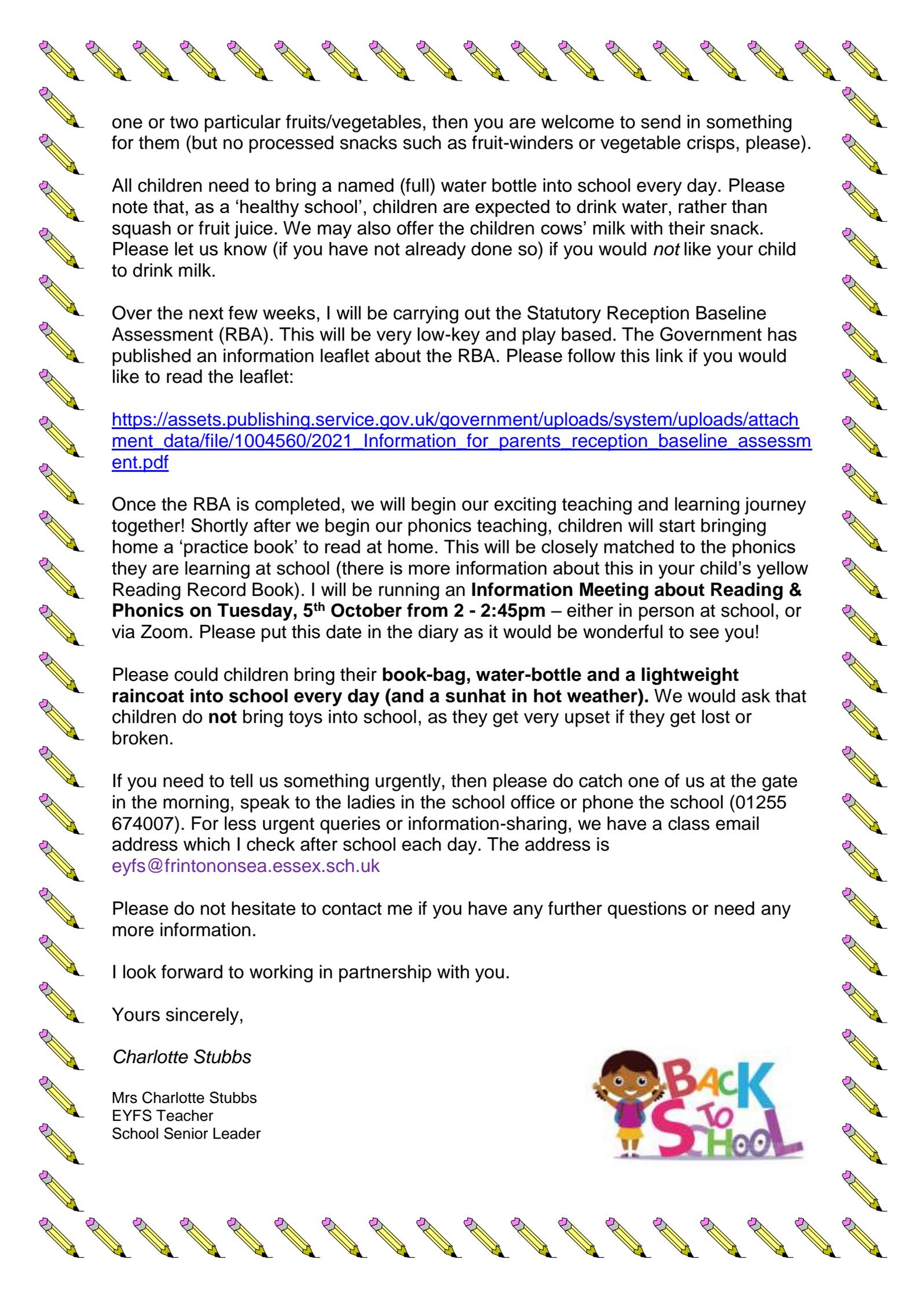
I was privileged to chat to many of you on the phone the other day, so much of the information below has already been shared with you. However, the purpose of this letter is to note down all the extra information that will help you (and your child) get used to the school routines.

As you know, for both the morning and the afternoon transition-sessions, children need to be dropped off at the Early Years Gate (just to the right of the main double gates that lead onto the playground in Fifth Avenue). The morning sessions begin at 9am, the afternoon at 1:15pm. For those children who already have older siblings in school, I have said it will be fine to drop the new children off at the same time as the older children.

After the morning session (which finishes at 11:45am), children need to be collected from the EY Gate. However, for afternoon sessions (finishing at 2:50pm), parents/carers will need to use the school one-way system. This involves coming onto the school playground (via the main double gate in Fifth Avenue) then collecting children from the back door of the EY Classroom. You will then follow the one-way system around the back of the school and exit through the school car park (in Wittonwood Road). There will be staff on the playground to point you in the right direction!

Our PE days (Tuesdays) will not officially start until all the children are in school full-time. On those days, children will need to come into school in their PE kits and wear them all day. I have suggested to people that it would be preferable for children to wear trainers (rather than plimsolls) as these are better for outdoor play. If you would like to start your child wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays from this week, you are welcome to do so, but there is no requirement to do this until **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

Please note that all children are offered a free fruit/vegetable snack each morning. Snacks could include apples, carrots, melon, strawberries, satsumas, bananas, raisins, but not all of these options are available every day. If your child only likes



one or two particular fruits/vegetables, then you are welcome to send in something for them (but no processed snacks such as fruit-winders or vegetable crisps, please).

All children need to bring a named (full) water bottle into school every day. Please note that, as a 'healthy school', children are expected to drink water, rather than squash or fruit juice. We may also offer the children cows' milk with their snack. Please let us know (if you have not already done so) if you would *not* like your child to drink milk.

Over the next few weeks, I will be carrying out the Statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This will be very low-key and play based. The Government has published an information leaflet about the RBA. Please follow this link if you would like to read the leaflet:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1004560/2021\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_reception\\_baseline\\_assessment.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004560/2021_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf)

Once the RBA is completed, we will begin our exciting teaching and learning journey together! Shortly after we begin our phonics teaching, children will start bringing home a 'practice book' to read at home. This will be closely matched to the phonics they are learning at school (there is more information about this in your child's yellow Reading Record Book). I will be running an **Information Meeting about Reading & Phonics on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October from 2 - 2:45pm** – either in person at school, or via Zoom. Please put this date in the diary as it would be wonderful to see you!

Please could children bring their **book-bag, water-bottle and a lightweight raincoat into school every day (and a sunhat in hot weather)**. We would ask that children do **not** bring toys into school, as they get very upset if they get lost or broken.

If you need to tell us something urgently, then please do catch one of us at the gate in the morning, speak to the ladies in the school office or phone the school (01255 674007). For less urgent queries or information-sharing, we have a class email address which I check after school each day. The address is [eyfs@frintonsea.essex.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@frintonsea.essex.sch.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or need any more information.

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

*Charlotte Stubbs*

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