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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely meeting you and your children over the last few weeks and I am very excited for the children to start school. We hope the meetings in school have been useful and that the children have enjoyed them too.

I have mentioned to some parents that here at Leybourne, we use an online programme called Tapestry to carry out children's observations in class. I wanted to let you know how we use Tapestry in school. You may be familiar with a programme like this already as many pre-schools use Tapestry or similar programmes.

Observations usually consist of an activity which the children are involved in during child initiated activities (the children call this Activity Time) and usually show their independent learning/play. They will usually include a photo of the child, a commentary of what they were doing (our observations) and have assessment links to the EYFS framework so you can see which development area the children are currently working within.

I am currently setting up parents/carers on the Tapestry programme so that you will be able to access and view your child's observations once they start school. You will be sent an email asking you to activate your account and create a password. Once this has been done you will be able to log on and view your child's observations online, this can be done on a phone or a computer. I aim to have at least one observation a week per child, however this varies depending on what is happening in class during certain times of the year. When a new observation is uploaded you will receive an email notification informing you of this and then you can view it. Last year some parents commented that they did not always receive a notification through so please check Tapestry regularly so as not to miss any observations.

We are using the details/emails provided by yourselves when your child was allocated a space at school. Please let us know if you would like other people to be added onto the email list and to receive the observations. Please also let us know if your contact details change as we will need to update those details so you can still access observations online.

We hope that this is a lovely way to involve parents in the children's recent activities in school and a way of seeing how they are settling in at school. If there are any problems using the online programme please do not hesitate to contact me and I will hopefully be able to help.

Many thanks,

Kelly Dale

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