

Newsletter -7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to return to a buzz of excitement in school this week. Our year 1 and 2 children have been getting to know their new classrooms and starting their learning, and our new reception children have had their induction to school sessions.

On Monday, I sent you an email introducing our new logo and school values. You will slowly see our logo appearing on various things around school. We will not be looking at changing uniform with our new logo until after Easter break so please don't panic.

We are beginning to embed our new values—**kindness, independence, responsibility, curiosity and creativity** in school.

We also have new behaviour values, these are **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We will be using these values to identify children who are always showing these values and doing the right thing. Children will be identified as showing these values, and other positive behaviours through our new 'Recognition' board in every class. Please ask your child about the recognition board and see what they have been working on in relation to positive behaviour this week.

We are all looking forward to a great year, please know I am available on the gate in the mornings if you would like to talk to me about anything. Welcome to Mrs de Jong as our new assistant headteacher and early years lead and welcome back to Mr Rogers who is teaching this year in Squirrels class. Mrs Lucy Whiffin, Headteacher



After School Clubs Y1 and Y2 only

Today we sent home our free club offer to you—please check book bags. Thank you to all the staff who have volunteered their time to run these.

Our free clubs this term will run 3.15—4.00pm.

We also have **paid clubs** running. We are still waiting for confirmation on which day Theatre Arts Dance club will run and will let you know as soon as we know.

Our paid clubs include:

- Football Club - Monday
- Theatre Arts Dance Club - day to be confirmed
- Spanish club will continue - Thursday
- Forest School club - Thursday (3.15—5.00pm)

The new Forest School club starts next week on Thursday 14th so please return your form for this asap. This can only run if there is the minimum of 14 children attending.

Forest School/Wild Explorers

We know lots of you are wondering if Forest school or Wild explorers will be continuing. We are busy trying to plan how forest school or similar outdoor learning sessions could be provided this year by looking at various options. We hope to bring you all more information very soon.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Betsworth at the end of next week. Mrs Betsworth has an exciting new job! She has worked at our school for 9 years and will be greatly missed—she may be back to help with gardening though!!

Parents of Year 1 and 2 children CONSENT to administer ad-hoc medicines

If you are happy for us to continue to have permission to administer short term, non-prescription medicines **you need not do anything, we will assume continued consent**. If you no longer give us consent, please come to the office and let us know. Thank you

Dates for your Diary

September

Monday 4th September- FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

Friday 8th September- Meet the teachers for yr 1 and 2 parents @ 8.50—9.10am

Wednesday 20th September - Read with me @ 9am

Wednesday 4th October - Author Visit

October

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October —HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 30th October 2023 INSET DAY

Tuesday 31st October—Return to school

MORE DATES TO FOLLOW SOON

Remaining INSET DAYS 2023—2024:

Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Ordering Hot Lunches

Please remember you need to order your child's hot dinners 10 days in advance. You can order up to a whole half term ahead if this is easier for you.