



Newsletter dates

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school!

Where does time go?

I hope that you have enjoyed the break and that both you and your children are excited for the challenges and opportunities of the year ahead!

It has been lovely to see all of the children this week and despite a few wobbles they seem happy and settled in their classes, with their teachers. It is great to see them looking so smart and I am sure those last minute uniform challenges will settle quickly.



We have much to look forward to in the year ahead and I look forward to working closely with you all, once again this year. Together we really can give your children the start in education that they deserve and need in order to thrive.

Enjoy the weekend,

Tracey Newbold

A warm welcome

An especially warm welcome to our new families and children alongside all new starters in Dormouse Class. We very much look forward to getting to know you all.

I would also like to officially welcome Mrs Coulton to our team. Mrs Coulton will be teaching in Squirrel Class. She has joined us from London after completing her ECT years. I am confident that she will further strengthen our team and we are excited to be working with her. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome and supported as she settles into her new school.

How you can help us

Arrive on time

Please ensure children are not late for school. The gates open at 8:45 and children start activities from the moment they arrive in class. In line with legal expectations for learning, school-based learning starts at 8:50 so we ask for children to be in class by then. If children are late or slow to enter class, they miss out and are at a disadvantage.

We also politely ask you to keep discussion with staff to an essential minimum at the start of the day. We do value communication; however, the morning is for a quick drop off. Longer discussions need to be held at another time.

Letting in children who are late remains a considerable drain on Mrs Coxon's time, and this has a knock-on impact upon the rest of her day.

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

Essential Kit

All children need a water bottle at school.

They will also need appropriate weatherproof clothing and wellies for outdoor learning.

Children in KS1 need a book bag. They do not need a ruck-sack.

Be aware of Children's PE Days

It helps children feel settled if they arrive in the correct uniform and are the same as their peers.

Once again P.E days are as follows:

Dormouse – Monday & Wednesday

Hedgehog – Monday & Wednesday

Squirrel – Wednesday & Friday

Otter- Tuesday & Wednesday

Fox – Wednesday & Friday

Support learning

You will soon be receiving topic webs and knowledge organisers. Please discuss these with your children and talk about their learning.

We all know how vital reading is and that it is pivotal to future success and well-being. All children are at different stages but please do make reading with and around your children a priority. We work so hard to promote a love of reading at school and we need you to continue this at home.

Reading records need to be signed at least weekly throughout the school!

Mobile Phones

We do not allow children to bring phones into school; please ensure children do not bring them to school under any circumstance. If you need to discuss this further, please speak to Mrs Newbold.

Parent Helpers

Your help is always appreciated and if you do feel able to help support the school in any capacity e.g. Reading, gardening etc. please, please do let us know!

Special Dates

We look forward to seeing you all next week at our meet the teacher sessions.

These all start at 2:50pm. We will open the gates at this time.

Tuesday – Hedgehog

Wednesday – Otter

Thursday – Squirrel

Friday – Fox

We have already held meetings with Dormouse parents and there will be further information and a meeting as the term progresses.

We plan to resume Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read sessions as soon as possible, when our new Reception starters are settled into their new school routines.

What's New?

We are always keen to reflect upon our curriculum here at school and we have made several tweaks and changes to ensure teaching and learning is as effective as possible.

As a result, we have revamped our PSHE curriculum to ensure it is truly meeting the changing needs of our pupils and to ensure that it is updated to include the very latest guidance for schools – including statutory RSHE.

The whole school will be following the highly respected 'Jigsaw' PSHE/ Health and Well-being scheme. Jigsaw is a mindful approach to PSHE bringing together emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning. It is tailored to our children's needs and the whole school will be working on the same theme following the appropriate plan for their age group. This term's theme is – 'Being Me in My World.' We have organised the children in their age groups for this teaching.

I will send out a curriculum overview for PSHE next week.

Dates

September

Tuesday 8th – Hedgehog Class – meet your child's teacher 2.50pm

Wednesday 9th – Otter Class – meet your child's teacher 2.50pm

Thursday 10th – Squirrel Class – meet your child's teacher 2.50pm

Friday 11th – Fox Class – meet your child's teacher 2.50pm

Friday 18th – Jeans for Genes Day

Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd – Yr 6 Bikeability – Level 1 and 2

Thursday 24th – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability