



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

I am so looking forward to meeting you all this week and hope that you have had a happy and enjoyable summer holiday.

I know that all the staff are also equally excited about the start of the new school year. They have been working hard during the break to ensure that there is so much for your children to look forward to and enjoy during the Autumn Term.

Please be a little patient with me as I settle into my new role and be assured that I will be doing all I can, and more, along with all the staff, to ensure that the school continues to operate smoothly and successfully.

My first newsletter will only be a short one, but I will endeavour to keep you updated with more news from the school on a weekly basis.

Headteacher/Parent Meetings

Over the course of the Autumn Term, I will run a number of 'Headteacher Drop Ins' which will take place after school between 4.30pm and 6pm. These will be opportunities to meet with me individually if you wish about school matters. I will send a document with more information about these meetings over the course of the next fortnight.

Autumn Term Dates

We hope to send out a list of School dates for the Autumn Term by the end of the week or the start of next week. A few of the events to look forward to are the Harvest Festival Service, the Dance Festival and a visit to the Food Festival.

Pupil Voice

As we to return to more normal arrangements in school post covid, I am keen to reintroduce the various pupil voice bodies which have previously been in place. These will hopefully include School Council and a Worship Team. Look out for more details in the coming weeks.

I am also keen to begin to arrange for extra-curricular clubs to take place before and after school. Information about these has been sent out to you by the Office and I do hope that we will be able to add to them over the course of the term.

Ethos and Vision

The Autumn Term is a perfect time to begin to update the school's vision and ethos. On one of the Training Days the staff focused on this through discussion about what we believe is at the heart of our lovely school. We will build on this as a community, with the help of the children and hope that this will enable us all to follow our vision and embed our ethos in everything we do.

Protocols, Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan

Please be assured, that we will carry on taking careful steps to protect all and so will be continuing with conscientious and regular hand sanitising, full ventilation of all spaces and a cleaning programme both at lunch time and after school each day. Currently the wearing of face masks is not compulsory in school but of course staff and all visitors may choose to continue to wear them.

We will be monitoring any changes in guidance from the Local Authority, the Government and Public Health on a daily basis and will, of course, inform you of any changes we may need to make.

You will today receive the school's Covid-19 Protocols document, Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Covid-19 Contingency Plan. Please take a bit of time to read these. Thank you

More Reminders

Start Times

We will continue to open the gates at 8.45am. School starts at 9am for KS1 and 8.55am for KS2. We will ring the bell at both 8.55am and 9am. Please drop your child off at the gate as you did last year.

Cloakrooms

If your child is in Year 3 or 4, they will use the cloakroom that was used by Willow children. If your child is in Year 5 and 6, they will use the upstairs cloakroom. To reduce congestion in these areas, please do not send rucksacks into school. A book bag is permitted if you wish.

End of Day Procedures

We will be operating a staggered finish time, as we did last year. The Infant day will finish at 3.10pm and the junior day will finish at 3.15pm. Please arrive outside school at the appropriate time for your eldest child. We will keep your younger child in school. Please continue to queue alongside the railings.

Lunchtime Arrangements

Our new catering company, Mellor's will be operating from the beginning of this term onwards. You should have received the new menu now. This menu looks 'yummy', is varied and caters for allergies. Infant meals are free under the Universal Infant School Meal scheme. Junior meals are charged at £2.35 a day, payable via Parentpay.

We will be reverting back to using the school hall for lunches and really look forward to sharing meals together.

Your child is welcome to bring in a packed lunch if they prefer.

Forest Day/Wellies

Please note that your child will be visiting the forest at least one day a week. Acorn will go on a Wednesday and Sycamore on Mondays. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately on those days. Please remember to bring wellies in by the end of this week which will be left in school.

PE

Total Sports will be our new PE provider for this year. They will provide a specialist teacher each Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. Please send your child to school in their PE kits on PE days.

Picture News

Paralympics

Story: At the start of the Tokyo Paralympics, ParalympicsGB launched a campaign to change perceptions of those with disabilities called, *Impossible to Ignore*.

Question: Can the Paralympics help us become more inclusive of others?

Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website, just add **/discuss**

Afghanistan Special

Story: The Taliban have taken control of Kabul, the capital city in Afghanistan. Some people are worried about how their lives will change and have been trying to leave the country.

Question: What's happening in Afghanistan?

Best wishes



Jonathan Green

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