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First School

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break, and all managed to get some rest- if that is possible with young children around!

It is lovely to see the children back in school in their shiny new shoes and school uniforms. The children are full of holiday tales and all look as though they've grown taller during the holidays.

The Autumn term brings new teachers, new classrooms and new friends. From experience, we know that this can be equally exciting and daunting for everyone involved. We expect that there will be times when your child is happy and times when they feel a little anxious. This is all part of growing and adapting to change. We find that it helps if you let us know your worries as soon as possible. Please do talk to your child's class teacher about any of your concerns. You can either have a quick word with the class teacher at drop off or pick up time, or make an appointment with the teacher if you would like a longer conversation.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new pupils and wish everyone a great start to the new school year!

Mrs Street

Staffing Updates

There have been a few staff changes this year. I hope that you will join me in sending congratulations to Miss Brown on becoming Mrs Shelton during the summer holidays. We send a very warm welcome to Mrs Kirton, who joins us covering staff PPA time in classes in Y1-4 and to Miss Lumb, who joins us as a Stay and Play Assistant.

FS: Mrs Shelton, Miss McQuinn, Miss Woodbridge and Miss Clarke (Miss McQuinn covers FS PPA time on Fridays)

Y1: Mrs Bhogal, Miss Craven, Mrs Stratford

Y2: Mrs Brent (Monday-Wednesday) Ms Tonge (Thursday-Friday) and Mrs Harman,

Y3: Mrs Gill and Mrs Norris

Y4: Ms Pegler, Mrs Wellstead and Mrs Stratford

Mrs Brent will undertake Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO) duties on Thursday- Friday

Drop and Stop: Miss McQuinn, Mrs Douglass, Miss Woodbrige, Miss Clarke

Stay and Play: Mrs Stratford, Mrs Wensley, Miss Lumb, Miss Clarke, Mrs Wellstead

Curriculum Evening

We would like to invite you to meet your child's class teacher and find out a little more about life in your child's new class and the year ahead. Your child's class teacher will tell you about the curriculum and how we teach aspects of literacy and numeracy.

Please contact the school office to sign up for Thursday 13th September 6 pm start.

Answers To A Few Queries

- Please say good bye to your child in the line (or at the gate for Year 4s) as it really helps your child to grow in confidence and independence. Foundation Stage (FS) parents are able to take their children into the classroom or say goodbye at the FS gate. All other parents should say good bye in the line rather than going to the classroom door in the morning. It helps all of the children to have a smooth start to the school day.
- For **FS** : please resist the temptation to peep through the classroom window as you leave as this often unsettles the children.
- Snacks: **FS and Y1- 2** are provided with free fruit each day. Please do not send in any additional snacks for your child. **Y3-Y4** pupils are able to bring in their own fruit snack.
- Nail polish and jewellery should not be worn to school – this includes cord friendship/wrist bracelets.
- School shoes should be worn for school with trainers being used for outdoor P.E. We find that plimsolls do not grip the outdoor surfaces sufficiently.
- **All FS-Y2** children are entitled to a free school meal. **Year 3 and Year 4** -are not automatically entitled to a free meal please contact the school office if you think that you might be eligible for free school meals.

School Grounds

You might have noticed a few changes to our outdoor grounds over the summer break.

Huge thanks go to the teams from Centrica and Gallagher into school.

On some of the hottest days of the summer, they managed to transform the turning circle, music garden and pond area. Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and generosity!

By the end of September/ beginning of October we expect that playground games will be painted on our newly re-surfaced playground and our new climbing equipment will be installed. We can't wait! Thanks go to QAPFA and BBC/Sky for helping to fund this project.

Survey Updates

Communication Survey: Thank you to all who completed a feedback sheet. It would really help us to have a few more views on communication. I will hand out forms at the gate and copies will be available from the school office. Please let us know your views.

Club Survey: following feedback we now offer a dance class, and are waiting for confirmation with a public speaking club, Lego club, music lessons and film making club. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Lunch Survey: Aspens have analysed the feedback and will provide an update for all parents soon.