



Monday 1st September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a lovely summer break and managed to soak up some sunshine with your families. I'm thrilled to be welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a fantastic school year - my first full academic year as Head of School, and I couldn't be more excited!

A very warm welcome to all of our new starters in F1 and F2, as well as to the children joining us in other year groups; we're so pleased to have you with us. We're also thinking of our former Year 6 pupils as they start their journey at secondary school as well as some of the pupils that have joined some new schools from other year groups - we hope they've had a great start.

It's been a busy summer here at school with lots of work being completed to improve the environment even further. Over the next few weeks, we will have a play frame built on the middle yard as well as a new outdoor classroom and some new equipment being installed on the top yard. The building looks brilliant thanks to the hard work of our amazing staff, with a special shout out to our site manager Dave Barker, and we're all ready to hit the ground running.

We're delighted to welcome two new Teaching Assistants to our team - Miss Kinsley-Smith and Miss Wockenforth. They'll be joining our brilliant support staff and getting to know the children over the coming weeks.

We're also really pleased to share that Mrs Hayes will now be taking on the role of SENCo this year. She'll be organising a SEND coffee morning soon to introduce herself and connect with parents. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Looking ahead, we've got lots coming up already! Our Year 6 residential is only a few weeks away. This will be a fantastic experience that's set to be a highlight of the year and a real opportunity for our Year 6 team to build relationships ahead of an incredibly busy and important year. We'll be holding an information session soon to share everything you need to know.

Our after-school club offer will be sent out next week, along with a full list of key dates for the year - this will include things like parents' evenings, sports days, school discos and other events, so that you can plan ahead with confidence.

In the coming days, you'll also receive some important admin bits from us: permissions, health care plan updates, and login details for various platforms. We'll also send out our updated home-school agreement, please do take a moment to read and sign it to confirm your support.

PE days for this half-term are listed below. Children can come to school in their PE kits on those days. Please refer to our uniform letter as all staff will be enforcing our uniform rules and phone calls will be made to parents/carers as well as any identified items being confiscated.



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n't wait to get started and see all of the children's smiling faces back in school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support - here's to a brilliant year together!

Important Message

From Thursday 4th September, parents/carers will be required to drop their children at the gate (where Mrs Hall and Mr. Leathers will greet the children and receive any key messages to pass on). No adults will be allowed on the playground as this has been causing some children to become dysregulated and it has been difficult to keep them safe with so many people entering and exiting the gates. For children in F1 and F2, parents and carers can still drop off at the door if they feel that this is necessary.

PE Days – Autumn 1

Children can wear their PE kits on the following days:

- **F1** - Thursday

- **F2** - Tuesday & Wednesday

- **Year 1** – Monday & Friday

- **Year 2** – Monday & Tuesday

- **Year 3** – Monday Tuesday

- **Year 4** – Thursday & Friday

- **Year 5** – Wednesday & Friday

- **Year 6** – Wednesday & Thursday

Warm regards,

Mr. Leathers
Head of School