



Welcome back to school

Happy new academic year! What a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been lovely welcoming both the children and yourselves back into school. I hope you have all had a great summer holiday.

This week, I have managed to pop around all of the classes and spend time with the children during different parts of the day. It has been lovely seeing how settled all of the children are. We have welcomed a lot of new children into both Nursery and Reception and also a few children across the school, who have all slotted into our school brilliantly. Throughout the week we have looked at our new routines within our classes and have revisited our school rules, 'Be ready, be respectful, be safe.' We have been looking at what we need to do / how we need to act in order to fulfil these. Please see our website for schools positive behaviour and attitudes policy for further information.

Mrs Chard

New Staff

This term we welcome three new members of staff into our school; Mr Correia, teacher of Maple class, Miss Gray, teacher of Acorns and Mr Toward, HLTA working across the whole school. They have had a great first week and think our children are absolutely amazing.

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Safeguarding

Just a reminder that school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are myself, Mrs. Leach (Deputy Head), and Mrs Cooper (SENDSCO). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact any of the aforementioned via the school office or catch us on the yard. Please see our website for further information about safeguarding including our safeguarding and child protection policy.



Mobile Phones

As a school, we don't allow children to have mobile phones during the school day. We are aware that some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children have permission from parents/carers to walk to and from school on their own and we understand that as parents/carers you need them to have their phones for this. Therefore, children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring their phone into school, however they are required to switch them off prior to entering the KS2 gate and, as soon as they enter the building, they hand their phone over to their teacher who stores them in a secure, locked place until the end of the school day. Children in younger year groups have no reason to bring phones in, therefore, if they do own one, please leave them at home.



School start times

Just a reminder that EYS / KS1 doors open from 8.40 and close at 8.45 and the KS2 gate opens at 8.45 and closes at 8.50.

Attendance/Punctuality

This week 287 children have had 100% attendance which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone for making such a brilliant effort in the first week back. It has made a big difference in terms of how well our children have settled in. It's important that children attend school every day when they can. The negative impact of even a few days off can prevent your child from reaching their full potential. Did you know that when a child is absent for ten school days during the course of the year their attendance drops to 95%? Please see our website for our attendance policy.

How does the number of days that your child misses in a school year affect attendance ?			
Approximate days absent since September			
Attendance Rate	By end of autumn	By end of spring term	By end of summer
100%	0	0	0
95%	4	7	10
90%	7	13	20
85%	11	19	30
80%	14	27	40

Meet the teacher sessions

Meet the teacher sessions for Years 1 – 5 are planned in for next week. Each class will be holding two sessions, one at 3.30 and the other at 4.00pm. **You only need to attend one**, however, it gives you more flexibility as we know that many families have more than one child attending our school. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, so remember to add the dates to your diary. The sessions will provide you with information regarding the curriculum for their year group, expectations and how you can help at home. Please see below the dates for the sessions:

Y1 Beech – Tues 8th Sept
Y1/2 Elm – Tues 8th Sept
Y2 Willow – Thurs 10th Sept (3.30 only)
Y3 Maple – Tues 8th Sept
Y3/4 Cherry – Tues 8th Sept
Y4 Spruce – Tues 8th Sept
Y5 Oak – Tues 8th at 4.00pm or Thurs 10th Sept at 3.30pm
Y5 Pine – Tues 8th Sept

Uniform

It was lovely to see the children all looking very smart this week. Thank you to everyone for following our uniform policy. We will be opening our community corner next week. More details to follow

Homework

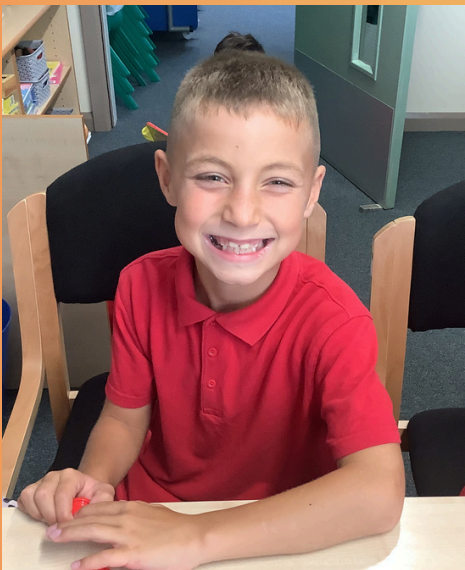
Homework will start up next week. It will be given out on a Friday. Please ensure your child hands it back in by the following Thursday. In order to create independence, all tasks will be pitched at a level where your child should be able to complete them with minimal adult support. Thank you for your support with homework as we know how busy family life can be to fit it all in.

Nut free School

A reminder we are a nut free School as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Please can you be mindful if supplying a packed lunch, that there are no items that include nuts of any kind. These include crackers, biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate spread sandwiches. Thank you for your support.



Fun Club!



Important Date or Events

Key dates will be emailed to parents/carers next week.

Macmillan

This year we will be supporting Macmillan. More info to follow with key dates.



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!



Star of the week



Class	Star	Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Seedlings	Gracie	Early Years	Everyone
Acorns	Kain	Key Stage 1	Everyone
Saplings	Harper	Lower Key Stage 2	Everyone
Y1 Beech	Sam	Upper Key Stage 2	Everyone
Y1/2 Elm	Holly		
Y2 Willow	Isla		
Y3 Maple	Charlie		
Y3/4 Cherry	Logan		
Y4 Spruce	Hunter T		
Y5 Oak	Leighton		
Y5 Pine	Connie		
Y6 Birch	Annalise		
Y6 Cedar	Will		

Socks

As my socks were a big hit last year, I will be continuing with this again. For those of you new to our school, during our weekly celebration assembly, I select a star from Early Years, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 who receive a Headteacher certificate. As they have clearly worked their socks off, they will get to select a new pair of socks to take home. If they would like to, they can wear their new socks to school the following Monday for everyone to see.

