

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

8th September 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer even though the weather could have been a bit more like this week!

It has been lovely to welcome you and your children back to school this week – everyone looks very smart. Our youngest pupils have taken their first steps into their education, coming to school enthusiastically each morning and thoroughly enjoyed staying for school lunch for the first time today.

We are thrilled to welcome some new members of staff this year.

- Mrs. Pakenham is our new SENDCo.
- Miss Murray and Miss Cave are two additional class teachers.
- Mrs. Gresham, Mrs. Hurley and Mrs. Johnson will complement our inclusion team.
- Miss Hartop has returned to our school after a secondment at a local school.

Mrs. O'Brien Jones, the staff and I are very much looking forward to this academic year. We have lots of exciting events planned, some reinstated and some new, the dates of which will be shared by the end of next week. I have listed a couple below.

- Our first Family Drop-in session, of the year, will be held on Wednesday, 27th September starting at 2pm, in the small hall. If you would like to find out more about how we assess pupil achievement throughout the academic year, please pop in and see us.
- On Friday, 29th September we will be introducing a book sharing event at the beginning of the school day, called 'Book and a Biscuit.' You are invited to come into school, between 8.30 – 9.05am, to share a book (and a biscuit) with your child/ren in their respective classrooms. Families with 2 or more children can share a book in the hall or shared areas around school.
- Also, on Friday 29th September, we will be holding a cake sale to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. More details to follow next week.
- Henry's Friends have their AGM meeting on 21st September at the school at 7.30pm. Come along and find out more about Henry's Friends, we will be voting in the committee for this year and discussing past events and the year to come!

Due to the restructuring of phonics lessons, it has been necessary to change PE days for certain year groups. Please see below for the revised PE Days, I apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

- Reception: Thursday
- Year 1: Monday
- Year 2: Wednesday
- Year 3: Tuesday
- Year 4: Wednesday
- Year 5: Tuesday
- Year 6: Thursday

Parent Council

If you are interested in becoming a parent representative for your class this year, we would love to hear from you. We have a termly meeting in which parent views, suggestions and ideas can be shared. The first meeting has been organised for 28th September at 2pm.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly for Year 1-6 starting from Thursday, 14th September 2023. Reception homework will begin after the settling in period.

Your child/ren will come home with a homework book in which to complete their homework tasks. Inside the cover, you will find the homework expectations relevant to their year group. This year, all homework will be given out on a Thursday and given back by the following Wednesday at the latest. No homework will be set on Teams. No homework will be set on the last week of term.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Sue Hope

Headteacher