

News and Views



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Headteacher's Comment

Welcome Back!

Those are two words that I'm very pleased to have typed. Judging by the children's faces, they are pleased to be back. In fact, parents looked just as pleased - if not more!

The good news is that right from the first moment, children in every class were sitting down and working happily. There were a few changes to routines and the layout, but it is business as usual.

It has been nearly six months since some of the children have been in school and there is no doubt this will have had an impact on children's learning. Over the next few weeks we will be assessing where every child is with their learning and what, if any, gaps needs to be filled. It is one of our priorities for this term.

Routines

Thank you to all of you who have followed the new routines for dropping off and picking up, but also for booking lunches, breakfast club and after school club. It has helped make the first day run smoothly. Without your support this would not have happened. I'm sure as you get use to the new times and now know where to go, it will get even smoother.

At drop off, please make sure your children are holding all their bags and drinks as they come down into the playground and you have said goodbye. A slight delay at the door causes a queue to build up.

Just a reminder to Year 5 and Year 6 parents to drop your children at the gate in the morning and not to come down with them.

At the end of the day, Year 1, 2 and 3 parents please move forward on the spots as the parent in front moves forward and stay in the same row. The teachers will be trying to put children in the order that parents are lined up, so this will help it happen guickly.

On Monday 1Pr will be dismissed from the hall door nearest to the covered walk way. This won't change where you line up, but should make it quicker to dismiss the children.

3A will be dismissed through the Year 1 door. This won't change where you line up, but should make it quicker to dismiss your children too.

Reading

All children have today been issued with a reading book and a new reading record. The expectation is that they are reading every day at home and this will be checked every day in school. I will publish the list of children who have read 5 times at home next week. I'm expecting 100% from each class.

Attendance

Attendance figures will be published from next week. Well done to the classes with 100% attendance today. That's what we expect each day.

I'm sure there will be a few tired children today, so have a restful weekend. We will see you on Monday from 8:30am, when we will also start welcoming our new Reception children.