



Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all of our families!

The children have settled in incredibly well to their new classrooms and teachers and are all looking so smart and eager. It has been a real delight to chat with them over the last few days. If you would like to come and have a chat with me about any specific concerns or just to say 'Hello', I will be running some 'drop in' sessions at various points over the next couple of weeks. Please see the diary dates for these dates and times. If these times do not suit, please do ring the office and they can make an alternative date for you.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will all get the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and teaching staff at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings so please do look out for these dates too. If you are unable to attend, the information will be put onto the website at a later date.

After a decision made by the Parent Forum group, it was agreed that we would change the way in which children's birthdays are to be celebrated in class. All the children have been busy making Birthday cards and instead of sweets, they will have the opportunity to choose one of the special cards from their classmates to take home. Thank you for your support with this.

The Parent Forum were very busy last year and homework was another issue raised. A working party of parents and staff worked collaboratively to come up with an agreed 'Menu style' homework grid for years Reception to 5. This will be trialled for the Autumn and Spring term and reviewed by the working party at a later date. These menus will be distributed to parents by the end of the week beginning 17th September. Individual reading book level are currently being reassessed and we hope that by the end of that week all children should have a reading book at the appropriate level for daily reading at home. Spellings will be sent out next week.

Thank you for all of the super photographs for the Photography Competition. The closing date for this is **Friday 14th September**, after which Mrs Skinner will help me choose a winning entry which will be announced in a Friday assembly. We will be displaying all of the entries in the hall.

The final date for collection of sponsorship forms/money for the Summer sponsored walk, is also Friday 14th September. There is a small prize for the girl and boy who managed to raise the most sponsorship money.

On my behalf, I did manage to successfully climb to the top of Kilimanjaro! It was an amazing experience and adventure and I am hopeful that together we will manage to raise the funds that we so badly need to complete the refurbishments to our super new reception outdoor area. Many thanks for everyone's support in this project.

We are all getting excited for our first dressing up day of the year — Roald Dahl Day next Wednesday!

Mrs Kendall | Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 4th September	INSET day—SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 5th September	First day of Autumn term
Thursday 6th September	3:30 pm Meet the teacher—Doves & Swallows 4:30pm Meet the teacher—Woodpeckers & Kingfishers
Monday 10th September	3:30pm Meet the teacher—Goldfinches & Skylarks
Tuesday 11th September	3:30pm meet the teacher—Sparrows & Wagtails
Tuesday 11th September	8—8:45 am HEADTEACHER Drop in
Wednesday 12th September	3:30pm Meet the teacher—Eagles 4:30pm Meet the teacher—Swifts
Friday 14th September	8—8:45 am HEADTEACHER Drop in
Tuesday 18th September	5:30—6:30pm HEADTEACHER Drop in
Wednesday 26th September	3:30pm Meet the teacher—Wrens & Robins
Monday 22nd October— Friday 26th October	HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30th October	8—11am Parent consultations
Thursday 1st November	3:40—7pm Parent consultations
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 7th January	First day of Spring term