

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week, especially after such a long absence for many because of the restrictions. It was lovely to see the children's (and parents') smiling faces on Monday and everyone has settled in and adapted to the new routines really well.

We give a warm welcome to our new Reception children - Amelia, Bertie, Edward, Henry, Hugo, Jacob, Jenson, Lily, Luca, Reggie, Robyn, Rufus and Thomas. We also welcome Mischa to Year 1, Oliver to Year 2, Josh to Year 4 and Meagan and Lucas to Year 6. Our pre-schoolers, Emmie, Louie and Matilda have also had lots of fun this week with Mrs Proudfoot.



Class Names

Just a reminder of the class names and staffing for this year:



Wagtail Class - Reception with Mrs Procter and Mrs Matthews. Lunchtimes with Mrs Davies.



Robin Class - Year 1 and 2 with Miss Sanderson and Miss Yarwood. Lunchtimes with Mrs Clift.



Kingfisher Class - Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Steward and Miss Keith. Lunchtimes with Miss Keith.



Owl Class - Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Varndell-Paulley and Mrs Van Zyl (and Mrs Staple on Fridays). Lunchtimes with Mrs Brook.

In the office - Mrs Staple (Headteacher) and Miss Granger (receptionist)

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Welcome meetings

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we are unable to hold our start of the year welcome meetings for parents. Instead staff have put together a welcome letter for each class and these will be emailed separately (Wagtails have already received theirs by hardcopy). These letters will also be uploaded to the school website for future reference. If there is further information that you require that is not on the letter, please send an email to the school office.



Curriculum Information

The topics for this half term are:

Wagtail Class - Why do you love me so much?



Robin Class - Splendid Skies



Kingfisher Class - Through the Ages



Owl Class - Stargazers



The curriculum information will be emailed to you with your child's class welcome letter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 7.45am in the school hall. Please email the school the week before if you would like to book a place for your child. Each session costs £1.50 and includes breakfast as well as games and activities. We are very lucky that this resource is run by parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help at Breakfast Club please let the school know.



After School Clubs

Please note that there will be no after school clubs this half term. We anticipate that they will resume in the second half of this term.

Home Learning

We are in the process of reviewing our Home Learning Policy in light of the remote learning that we introduced during enforced school closure. We will write to you once this has been finalised. In the meantime we ask that you encourage your child to read regularly at home.

Diary Dates

School Online Calendar

Remember this can be accessed through the school website.

Photographs can also be accessed through the school website via the parents only portal (link has previously been sent out from the school).

Dates for this half term

Friday 9th October	Harvest Festival (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 13th October	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st October	Parent/Teacher/Pupil consultations Arrangements will be confirmed closer to the time.
Friday 23rd October	No School for pupils (Teacher Training Day)
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	HALF TERM

Amendment to our school's Admissions Policy

As a result of the Pandemic, and the fact that Churches have been closed, we have applied to the Regional Schools Commissioner for a variation to be made to our Admissions Policy in relation to Church Schools.

On our school website you will find a letter from Clive Bath, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, outlining the proposed changes with regards to our oversubscription criteria.

You will also find a copy of the amended Admissions Policy.

School Behaviour

We have reviewed our school behaviour policy and made some amendments to the 'School Behaviour Code' following the Covid-19 guidance, a copy of which is attached for your information. The children have been extremely well behaved this week and we are proud of the good manners and behaviour of all our pupils.

Good Work Assembly

As we are unable to hold whole school assemblies at the present time, our weekly 'Good Work Assemblies' will continue to be done virtually with the children in school and sent out to you via email. As these will be uploaded to our website, we will only be able to include photographs of the children who have given parental consent in our Good Work Assemblies.