



We care, we learn, we grow

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Headteacher's Newsletter

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Attendance

School Target: 96%

School Attendance today: 95%

PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break and got to spend lots of time together, I have enjoyed hearing about the exciting things the children have been up to over the holidays.

I would like to welcome all of our new parents and carers and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming years. If there is anything you are unsure of over the coming weeks please feel free to call the school office who will be happy to help. Also, I'd like to welcome our new deputy headteacher Mrs Clayton who is also teaching Year 5 and our new nursery teacher Mrs Beer .

Over the holidays we have been busy improving the school building. This includes our new entrances from the playground which will soon be completed with new canopies and lots of internal works. I hope that you also like our new signage which incorporates the new school logo. We have now launched our new website, please have a look and keep an eye on the calendar as this will quickly start filling up with events for parents and children. Our teaching staff have all been busy over the holidays getting their classrooms ready and preparing for this new exciting term. As always we have some exciting projects planned for the children over the coming year.

Hopefully the children have been coming home enthusiastic about their new learning and talking about our new 'Acorn Values'. These are our core values that we will be promoting through the curriculum. These are:

A - aspiration, **C** - curiosity, **O** - opportunity, **R** - respect & resilience, **N** - nurture & belonging.

Next Thursday 12th September the teachers, with the exception of Mrs Beer from Nursery, will be holding their welcome meetings. We are offering two sessions **3.30pm and 6pm**. Please try to attend one meeting as we will explain more about the Acorn Values and share the many positive changes and plans for this year.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see all the children looking really smart in their new school uniforms. I would like to thank you all for supporting us with the changes to the uniform. We really want to promote high standards of uniform as it is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow the children to feel pride in our school. It also ensures pupils are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and all are treated equally.

Please make sure children come to school equipped with the things they need during the day, such as lunch boxes, swimming kits, instruments, PE kits and water bottles. PE kits should be left in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term. Please make sure that all of your child's belongings have their name and class clearly marked on them. Any nail polish must be removed, no bright hair accessories and no trainers are to be worn in school please.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality will remain a very important part of school life throughout the new school year. We don't want any of our children to miss any valuable learning and I would like to stress how important it is for children to have a calm and settled start to their day. The school office will continue to monitor those who are regularly late or absent. We will help those who are persistently absent or late to improve with the help of the Local Authority Attendance Officer. As our school attendance target is 96% the class that achieves this will receive a class treat!

Finally I hope that all of our Muslim families enjoyed their Eid celebrations during the holidays.

