

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a big welcome to our new families. I hope that you have managed some holiday and rest time.

Everyone in school has been busy preparing for the new term and we are looking forward getting started. I am looking forward to meeting and greeting you at the school gate during the week and getting to know our new families.

School has not completely closed over the break and much work has been happening to develop the learning environments and plan for the coming year.

We have reviewed and audited our school reading strategy and teaching and you will notice some changes to how our reading system operates. More information will follow on this.

We have introduced an increased school day to meet Government requirements and this means a slight change to the drop off and collection times, as you will already be aware. I do anticipate this will take a little getting used to in the early days.

New Drop-off and collection times –

Pre-School: Morning Session 8.50 am - 11.50 am
Afternoon Session 12.05 pm – 3.05 pm

Year R, Year 1, & Year 2: School Day: 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

Help your child be confident by having all their things ready to go straight into school and say your goodbyes before getting to the class door.

We have been developing the outdoor areas and as you will see, are currently awaiting new fencing around the large play equipment at the front of the school. This area has been temporarily fenced so that staff can plan for zoned activity areas. We are planning for area to become a physical development area and sensory garden that will be used by the whole school.

We are delighted to have been given resources by the SCA - and this has enabled us to set up appealing prayer spaces in the classrooms, redo our prayer garden and enhance role-play and creative resources across the school. A very big thank you to them and to you for supporting their fund raising.

I would also like to pass on a huge thank you for all the kind messages and gifts at the end of the term. The warmth and generosity towards the staff was very humbling and I pass on many thanks from the all staff.

To help make the term run as smoothly as possible please be reminded and advised of the following.

Lunches (Year R, Year 1 & Year 2) – remember if you have not booked a school lunch, your child will need you to provide them with a packed lunch. We do not have spare food in school.

Hot weather Alert – Please send your child to school with an additional drink in the form of a water bottle. It is important to ensure your child has sun cream applied in the morning. Sun cream can be sent in to school in a named bottle to be reapplied if it is not 24 hour cream.

We reduce outside time for children in high heat or very strong sun.

Medication and Healthcare forms – these **must be returned** on Day 1 to the school office. This is for your child's safety

Uniform (Year R, Year 1 & Year 2): Children should be wearing the school uniform as set out on the website. On PE days the PE uniform may be worn as the uniform for the day. You will be notified of your child's PE day shortly.

Jewellery/Hair/accessories: Children should not wear jewellery to school including earrings. This is for their safety and the safety of other children. School activities are very different from home and jewellery and accessories to the uniform (such as pin badges and items used as necklaces pose a number of risks).

Hairbands and hairstyles should be discreet and safe and allow your child to move freely especially as parts of the school day often involve physical activity.

Parking – Please, please, please be considerate of the neighbours in the roads outside the school and on local roads. There is never enough space for everyone to park and it can get extremely busy. Please remain courteous to all and obey the rules of the road and parking laws.

Open Door – Time to talk. We love to learn about our children and chatting at the class door is a great way to do this. Please remember in the early days class adults are trying to settle the children in new routines and environments. Messages to class staff in the morning should be short and preferably written or emailed. Staff have more time at the end of the day to chat with you once they have dismissed the children and know they are safe.

And Finally...

We are delighted that your child is coming to our school. Please talk to the school office, class teacher or myself if you have any questions, concerns or worries. Do not let concerns or questions become a worry and as great a social media is – it does not always have the correct information!

God Bless
Regards
Mrs Taylor