



Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – Wednesday 8th September 2022

Welcome back to the new school year! It is lovely to see everyone after the summer break. The children have made a great start and it has been lovely to see them all engaged in activities in the classroom and working together again.

Children should **all** be wearing school uniform. Thank you to all who are following the school uniform guidelines. If you are unsure about what your children should be wearing please have a look at this [school uniform](#) link, which will take you to our school website.

We have been very impressed once again at the independence the children are demonstrating as they come into school in the morning. For those new to the school or for parents with children who have moved to year 1, please say goodbye to your children at the school gate. They will wait with their friends on the playground for their teachers to collect them and take them to their classes at 8.45. This approach allows the children to leave you rather than you to leave them in the morning, and we have found it to be a positive way to start the day. The gates will be open by 3.10 in the afternoon allowing you to come to your child's classroom door to collect them. If you have any messages for the teacher in the morning that need to be passed on promptly, please email the office and they will pass the message on.

Paula Ayliffe and Sarah Stepney

Communication

All 2021/2022 Googlegroup classes have now been transferred to their new class and year groups. Do keep an eye on your inbox for messages from your class or year group teacher. If you have not received anything yet please check your junk as some messages do end up there!

Googlegroup messages would usually be from the teaching staff regarding matters of your child's class or year. Parentmail messages are primarily from the office and communicate information from the school community as a whole. The easiest way to view Parentmail messages is via the app, where you can arrange for notifications which suit you.

We have had a record number of families starting with us this September and as a result there is a delay to getting everyone's details in the system and set up on Googlegroups and Parentmail. Please bear with us. We endeavour to have caught up by the end of the week.

Clubs

All school clubs have now been confirmed and emails sent out to the relevant year groups on Parentmail. The club timetable will be updated and posted on the school website with the links to book a place.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We are happy to be continuing with Lunchtime Co. as our school caterers. As you are aware we are not able to offer hot meals this week or next, due to an unforeseen delay with the building work being completed on the roof.

Children have the option of sandwiches and a selection of salads and fruit.

	<p>The amount for school dinners this term are as follows:</p> <p>Day - £2.30 Week - £11.50 Half Term - £92.00</p> <p>Children will be asked at morning register whether they are having a school meal or a home packed lunch that day. There is no need to order in advance.</p> <p>Payment for meals is via ParentPay only. New parents will be receiving their activation instructions in the coming days.</p>
<p>Music Groups with Anne Taylor</p>	<p>Please contact annetaylor@music@gmail.com for further information regarding music lessons. An online form is included with the music document sent with this Parent Newsletter, so you can sign up for any group, and will soon be available on the school website.</p> <p>Here are the starting dates:</p> <p>Ukulele Club is now full and will begin on Wednesday 21st September at 8.15am in the Small Hall. If you are keen to join this group, you can still sign up to join the waiting list using the online form.</p> <p>Samba Drumming and Percussion After School Club still has a few spaces! It begins on Wednesday 21st September at 3.20pm-4.00pm in the Library, and is for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6. Lots of fun and a snack after school. No music reading required and a great sense of team playing. We learn call-and-response rhythms with African and Brazilian drums, tuned percussion like xylophones, boomwhackers, read rhythms, and this term we will be making some percussion. We play performances in assemblies and with the school orchestra.</p> <p>Choir begins on Tuesday September 13th at 8.15am (signed in before) in the Large Hall.</p> <p>Orchestra begins on Thursday September 15th at 8.15am (signed in and ready to play) in the Large Hall. If anyone has Grade 1 in an instrument other than piano, please contact me to see if your child is ready to join this group.</p> <p>Violin and Recorder Tasters (free) begin on 13th September. Email Anne to confirm a place.</p>

Dates for the Diary	
Thursday 22nd September	Meet the Teacher Evening 5.30 – 7pm
Thursday 13th October	Individual School Photos