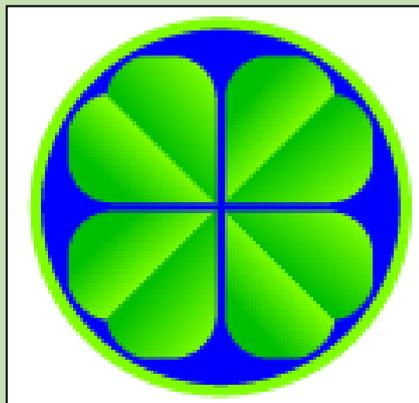


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Welcome back, everyone!

I hope everybody was able to enjoy the unusually sunny summer break – I certainly did!

This first bulletin of the year includes some information and reminders that we hope will help us get the term off to a good start. Teachers will be sending out letters containing specific information about class matters very soon. If you have any questions, you are very welcome to get in touch by phone or email and we will try to provide an answer as quickly as we can.

OUR NEW GATE

Full installation of our new gate should be complete by Tuesday.
The gate will automatically unlock at 8.40am and lock itself at 9.05am
Although it is unlocked, it will not be open. Push gate to come in.

In order to gain access at any other time, please press the silver button and request entry via the intercom.

Please be aware that pressing the button rings the school phone – if the person on duty in the office is on the other line, there might be a short delay but you don't need to keep pressing – it will ring in the office until answered.

At the end of the day, the gate will unlock at 3.12pm and lock again at 3.35pm

This is obviously a new system for us so please be patient if there are a few teething problems.

START OF THE DAY

In order to encourage independence and to avoid overcrowding in the corridors, please allow children to come into school independently whenever possible.

We must ask you not to bring pushchairs or buggies into the building. Please do not feel we are being unfriendly towards your little ones - the rule is in place because pushchairs can be a trip hazard and would compromise safety if we had to exit the building in an emergency.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND and PLAY-SHIP

These are for use under staff supervision only.

Children should not play on them before the start of the school day or at going home time.

LOST PROPERTY

We ended the summer with a pile of lost property – and we are already adding to it!

Please label all items of school uniform with your child's name.

If you think something has been lost at school, you are welcome to rummage through our lost property box in the school foyer.

WATER BOTTLES

Children are encouraged to drink plenty of water at school and it is useful if they have their own re-fillable bottle at school. Drinking tops, rather than open bottle tops, make spillages less likely.

Bottles should only contain water – no squash or other flavoured drinks, please.

PENCIL CASES

Year R, 1 and 2 – No pencil cases, thank you.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – one small pencil case containing felt tip pens or coloured pencils. This is optional. Any pencil case brought to school **MUST** fit in your child's classroom tray.

All children will be expected to use school pencils or pens for general classwork.

TOYS AND NOVELTIES

Children should not bring toys or novelties into school.

Mrs Jarvis will invite our Reception Year children to bring specific things into school to match their classroom projects.

SCHOOL PROJECT

All children in Years 1 to 6 will be working on a shared theme of 'Flight' in the first weeks of this new term.

Classes are exploring this theme in lots of different ways – from looking at the lives of birds and bats to understanding why hot air balloons rise or how an aeroplane stays in the air.

MUSIC LESSONS

Individual music lessons start next week.

You should have received a text regarding this – please note that there has been a change of day for some lessons.

Walk Home Alone – Permission Slips

If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please fill in a permission slip and return it to the school office. Teachers will not release children to walk home if they are not on our list.

If you would like someone else to have regular permission to collect your child from school, please let us know.

Medicine

If you have inhalers, epipens or antihistamines to return to the office please can you do so as soon as possible.