



We're Back!

A huge welcome to our new Reception parents/carers and welcome back to our existing parents. I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to enjoy and get involved in the year ahead.

We have so much planned for the coming year and we will continue to provide amazing experiences and opportunities for your children. It has already been a great start to the term and your children have all settled well and are very keen to impress their new adults.

As well as the plans in the classroom, we have many other developments that will be taking place this year. Our IT resources and provision are being increased further, which is very exciting. We are already thinking ahead to the technological world that your children will face as they move into secondary school and in their working lives and beginning to prepare them for this. Linking with this, but for parents, is the development of our Xpressions APP. This APP will be released to you next week and further access details will follow. This will be used to share such things as letters, newsletters, trip forms as well as text messages so that all of the information that you need is in one place. Money for breakfast club, trips etc. can also be paid through the APP, which should make things much easier for you.

Our website has been completely redeveloped over the holiday and this has a new fresh look. We will need a few weeks to get this bursting with information but please keep an eye on it in the weeks to come as we plan to add even more information than before. We will keep you posted on the progress with this.

We now have 150 children on roll and we are excited about the coming weeks and months. We always appreciate your support and welcome your feedback and ideas so please stay involved and work with us in as many ways as you can.

Our Behaviour and Rewards System

Our 'Good to be Green' system is now in full swing and the children are responding very well to it. Just as a reminder, it works in the following way...

- Each child has a slot in the class chart.
- Each day, the children start off with the 'Good to be Green' card - the children get a certificate for staying on the green card for the week.
- Gold cards can be earned and a dip in the class prize box is their award, as well as a certificate to take home that day.
- Yellow 'warning' cards can be given when a reminder about behaviour is required - this can quickly move back to green.
- Red 'consequence' cards are given when behaviour choices do not meet our expectations/rules. Parents will be informed.
- A 'Star of the Week' award will be presented in our Celebration Assemblies every other Friday - parents will be invited to these.

Uniform

Thank you for using our online system. This is now working well and I receive a copy of the orders so that I can ensure that they are being met in a timely manner.

If you do have any problems with this, please contact the Price and Buckland directly (and feel free to inform us too).

Please make sure that you access their ordering system through our website. If you do not do this and go directly to their website, you will have problems and not be able to access our BPA stock.

Please check your child's hair accessories. These should be no bigger than a 50p coin (as a guide) and be black, white or purple. Larger bows and accessories are not part of our uniform.

Thank you for your support with this and it is always brilliant to see how well presented our children are and how much they enjoy being smartly dressed. It is amazing how many new pairs of shoes I have been shown this week - they are very proud of them!

Diary Dates

You will receive a calendar for this term with more detail but here are a few key dates for your diary.



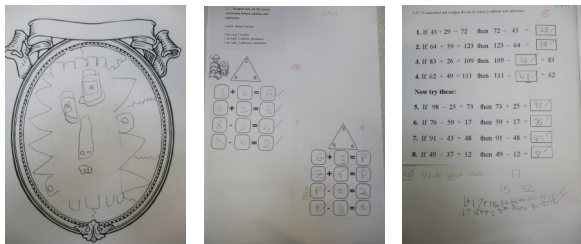
- Monday 11th September—swimming starts for our **Y3 children**. Please remember to bring £1.50.
- Wednesday 20th September—5:30pm - **You are all invited** to our PTFA Meeting. Please come along and get involved.
- Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th - 9am - **Reception parents** are invited to watch a phonics session in our Reception classroom. There will be an additional session for parents who are unable to make it during the school day to come to an evening session on Thursday 27th at 5:30pm. These sessions are very beneficial and will help you to support your child at home.

Y1 and Y2 children will need their wellies every Friday this term for the Eco sessions.

Year 2 News!

It's been our first week in Year Two and it has been jam packed with learning. We have been writing about ourselves and will be continuing this next week. Our aim is to have a non-chronological report all about us. We have looked at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and writing down all the ways that we can make calculations with 3 numbers. Some of us have taken to this, like ducks to water! Art has been strange this week as we have been drawing self-portraits but in the style of Picasso. How weird!

This term is going to be amazing and we are looking forward to the journey.



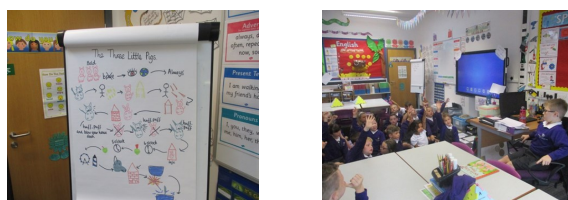
Year 3 News!

We have had a super start to the new term. In English, we have been focusing on *The Little Pigs* and *The Three little Wolves* and the *Big Bad Pig*. We have been comparing the two stories and have drawn our own text map. Mrs Foxwell and Mrs Dawber are very impressed.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and counting in our 3's and 4's. We have also been partitioning numbers and using lots of practical resources to help us.

In Science, we have been investigating how to have a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle. We have also completed our own Food Pyramid and have identified the different food groups.

We are very proud of all the children this week! They have had such a fantastic week.



Year 4 News!

The Lemurs have had a super first week! In Maths, we have been learning about Roman numerals, taking the lolly stick challenge to create as many numbers as possible. At home, please look out for other examples of Roman numerals and see how many ways that you can make them.

In English, we have been reading information texts about teeth (our Science topic) and writing diaries from a crayon's point of view after enjoying 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. You could write more diaries at home pretending to be other objects.

We enjoyed our visit to our Woodland Area, coming up with ideas for our outdoor learning. Keep the ideas coming, Y4!



Reception (EYFS) News!

The children in Reception have had a fantastic first week at school. They are all getting to know each other and are busy making lots of new friends. The adults in Reception are very impressed with their confidence and they're settling into school life well.

We have had lots of time getting to know our new routines and getting stuck in with lots of activities. The children are aware of our behaviour policy and are keen to show us how they use their kind hands and make lots of good choices. Dinner time yesterday was a success and the children were so excited to be having their dinner at school! Next week we will start our PE sessions and the children are looking forward to getting changed at school.

Thank you for all your support during your child's transition.



Year 1 News!

It's been our first week in Year One and we have been very busy with our learning. We have been practising our writing skills and we have even learnt all about conjunctions. We have looked at our numbers and have practiced counting all the way to 100 and then back down to 0. We did an experiment to find out if touching bread with dirty hands would make it go mouldy quicker to help us learn all about germs. The children loved licking their hands before touching the bread.

This term is going to be amazing and we are looking forward to it!



Parents' Evening

Our first parent's evening sessions will take place during the week beginning 9th October. Nearer the time we will arrange specific days and times for you. During these sessions you will be given the opportunity to look at your child's books and ask any questions that you may have as well as receiving an update from your child's class teacher.

We will also be inviting you in for class assemblies and other opportunities to look at your child's books throughout the year so please watch this space!