

11th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to our children and families to a new term. We started school with an assembly on our dreams and goals and children reflected on what they would like to achieve this term. We also celebrated the excitement and fun of previous school residentials. Thank you to those children who came up in assembly, without any warning, and spoke to the children about their experiences on the residentials. It has been a very positive start to the new term.

PE.

This has been the first week of classes having to change for PE and the children have managed this so well. We are bound to experience hiccups, however, thank you for supporting us in this change. To confirm,

Owls/Owlets	Mon & Tues	Come to school in PE kit, then change to uniform after PE
Kingfishers	Tues & Wed	Come to school in uniform and change to PE kit in school.
Magpies	Mon	Come to school in uniform and change to PE kit in school.
Magpies	Tues	Come to school in PE kit and change to uniform after PE.
Swans	Mon & Tues	Come to school in uniform and change to PE kit in school.
Kestrels	Mon & Tues	Come to school in uniform and change to PE kit in school.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

Staff

We welcome Miss Wilkinson back, who will be teaching Year 6 on Monday – Thursdays and Mrs Auken, who has also returned to work in Year 6 on Fridays. This will be a class share between two very experienced teachers.

Maths Workshops

This week we welcomed parents into our maths lessons. It was lovely to see so many of you. Children have expressed how excited they were to have their parents in class with them. We will be holding these sessions again in the next term but would welcome constructive feedback to make the next round beneficial and supportive for our children and parents.

Parents' Evening

This term we will be holding our parents' evening on **Wednesday 6th** and **Thursday 7th March**. Further information about booking an appointment with your child's class teacher will follow, later in the term.

Attendance

Attendance is important in ensuring that your child receives their entitlement to education. We understand that, on occasions, hospital appointments cannot be negotiated however other medical appointments can. Please ensure that, where possible, appointments are made after school or during holidays.

Uniform

Thank you to all our families who have ensured that children arrive to school in the correct uniform.

Children are expected to wear:

- Grey skirts or pinafores
- Tartan pinafores
- School jumpers or cardigans
- Year 6 School Hoodies (sports tops are not permitted to be worn)
- School shoes should be worn, not trainers.

Key dates

- Phonics Parents Evening for Reception & Year 1 - Thursday 11th January 3.30pm
- Multiplication Times Table Check Information Evening- Wednesday 14th February (Year 4 Parents and Carers)
- Parents Evening - Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March - Consultations will be in person. Details of how to book an appointment will be emailed to you nearer the time.
- Half Term - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February
- World Book Day – Wednesday 7th March
- Maths Week - 18th March.
- Easter break – Last day of term, Thursday 28th March
- Summer term begins – Monday 15th April, children back at school
- Year 6 SATs - week commencing 13th May
- Year 1 Phonics Screening check - week commencing 10th June.

Maths

Year 3 and 4 parent/carers. Please see the link below to support your child with learning their times tables. You can also find a link on the school website, on our Maths curriculum page.

[How to help your child learn times table facts.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](https://www.sharepoint.com/How%20to%20help%20your%20child%20learn%20times%20table%20facts.mp4)

On our website, in your child's class page, you will find information that will help you support your child with Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRF).

[KIRFS Reception Spring 1.pdf](#)

[KIRFS YEAR 1 SPRING 1.pdf](#)

[KIRFS YEAR 2 SPRING 1.pdf](#)

[KIRFS YEAR 3 Spring 1.pdf](#)

[KIRFS YEAR 4 SPRING 1.pdf](#)

[KIRFS YEAR 5 SPRING 1.pdf](#)

[KIRFS YEAR 6 SPRING 1.pdf](#)

Kind regards



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