

Headlines

6th September 2024



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the year 2024-2025 – and a very special welcome to those children and families who have just joined us in Nursery and in School. We look forward to our remaining Reception children joining us next week.

As I walked around the school, classes were settled and children were beginning to get to know their new teachers and were starting their work for the Autumn term – in our first whole school assembly of the year we talked about ‘new shoes’ and how new experiences and change can be a bit uncomfortable to begin with but we soon get used to them and feel like a good fit. I also indulged myself by showing pictures of my daughter who has gone to South Korea for the next term or so!

Next week you will be sent curriculum letters – outlining what your child will be studying this year and the first learning letters of the year. The curriculum overview is also available on our website. The club letter will come out today. Teacher run clubs will start next Wednesday.

Next week I will also send out a full list of dates that have been arranged so far for this term.

If there is anything else you would like to know please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Pirie or our office team.

Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

New Staff

We welcome Mrs Lanecka to our team as our new Year 3 teacher and Mrs Dreher as our Year 6 teacher.

Both are finding their way around and enjoying being with their new classes.

Miss Reed joins us as a TA in Year 2 and Mrs Barbieri is working in Year 1.

Mrs Leslie has joined our Nursery team.

In Year 5 Miss Grewal has joined Mr Knott as a trainee teacher.

Mrs Robinson is now working as teacher in Year 1 sharing the class with Mrs Masey.

Miss Watts remains away from school receiving treatment. She has a way to go but is doing well and has promised to pop in and see us in the next few weeks.

While Miss Watts is away Mrs Bullett has joined the Senior Leadership Team and is working alongside me, Mrs Pirie, Mrs Brill and Mrs Reardon.

This year we will not be using Reading diaries to record what children are reading. Instead, this will be recorded using the Accelerated Reader programme we use in school. Children are still expected to read each day and will take quizzes when they have completed a book. Parents will be able to monitor the books being read and progress on quizzes by logging onto Home Connect. Details of Home Connect will be sent home separately.

Reminders

Hopefully the weather will improve next week! Until half term the children can remain in summer uniform – if they want, despite the miserable weather.

<https://ongarplace.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=57>

Can you also ensure children have a coat as we will have breaks outside as often as possible. Please ensure your children bring a water bottle to school filled with plain water – no squash or juice.

Please take care when parking outside the school to not obstruct our neighbour's drives and to ensure children are safe.

Amber's Summer

Amber has had a lovely summer with her humans.

She spent lots of time at Virginia Water walking around the lake.

She took Mrs Pirie to lots of cafes and even indulged in a doggy ice-cream for her 4th birthday treat.

She is enjoying being back at school and getting to know our new children.

There will be an Amberlines coming out soon!

