



September 2019

## Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year and a particularly warm welcome to the new children who have joined our school and their families. It has been lovely to see all the children again and hear about all the fun things they got up to. Although we have only been at school for three days, the children have settled straight back into things and are working hard and showing their usual enthusiasm for learning. We are particularly pleased with our new Year 6s who are proving themselves to be excellent role models to the younger children. In fact, I got the rest of the school to turn around and look at them when they came into assembly on the first day to see what the expectations were!

Our new members of staff, Mrs Dodman, Miss Page and Mr Bugg have enjoyed getting to know the children this week. We have also welcomed Mrs Washbrook, a student teacher who will be working in Year 1 this term.

We have lots of interesting learning planned for the term, from Year 5 learning about lesser-known ancient civilizations such as the Indus Valley and Sumer in history, to Year 3 learning about the skeleton in science. If you have children in Year 1 upwards, please do support them by going through their knowledge organisers with them. These are stuck in their homework books.

Before we know it, it will be the end of the Autumn Term and I am already looking forward to all the school Christmas traditions I have been told about!

Kind regards,

Vicky Doherty

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
Mental Health Awareness Day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Open Morning  
Reception Sept 2020 intake

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
PD Day

**21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
Half Term

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parent Consultations

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
Individual Photographs

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of term - 1.30pm finish

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
Start of the Spring Term

## Assemblies this term:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 5

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 1

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6



## Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We have two Midday Supervisor vacancies. One post is working on a Friday from 11.30am until 1.00pm and the other from 12.05pm until 1.05pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you, or anyone you know is interested, details and application forms are on the Unity Schools Partnership website, under 'job opportunities' ([www.unitysp-careers.co.uk](http://www.unitysp-careers.co.uk)).

## Decorating & Building Work

Dave, our caretaker did a fantastic job decorating nearly every classroom over the summer holidays. It has made such a difference, making the classrooms feel light and bright. Just the Year 1 classroom to go now!

Two new staff toilets have also been put in near to the Year 4 classroom and one of the toilets by the main entrance has been removed. This has really opened up the space, making it much more welcoming.

## SENCO

John Bugg, our Acting Deputy Headteacher will be taking on the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator. He is very experienced in this role and he will be arranging to meet with the parents of children with special educational needs shortly.

## Home Academy Agreement

A copy of the slightly revised Home Academy Agreement is being sent home today. This is an important document that outlines how we will work together and what we can expect from each other. Please take the time to read it and go through it with your child. Then please sign and return it to school.

## New School Rules

We have introduced three, simple school rules to the children that even our youngest children can already remember!

**Be kind**

**Work hard**

**Be safe**

The three rules encompass all the kinds of behaviour we want our children to show and that make our school a lovely place to be.

## Photo Consent Form

A new photo permission form will come home today. This is compliant with the new GDPR regulations. Please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible.

If you change your mind about this at any time, please ask at the office for a new form.

**Children who started at the school this September will already have completed this new version as part of their admission form so will not need to do so again.**