

Dear Parents

Welcome back! It was lovely to see so many of you this morning and of course to welcome the children to the start of the new academic year. We have a few new children who have joined us this term so I apologise if I was busy and couldn't say hello to everyone. I hope to catch up with you all at some point over the next few weeks.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending your children in correct uniform; the form teachers will be carrying out regular uniform checks and will notify you if there are any concerns over uniform items. The children should be in summer uniform until October half term, unless we notify you to the contrary if the weather becomes very cold. The straw boaters for girls are an essential part of the summer uniform. Caps for boys are compulsory, however, if there is a reason why your child cannot wear a cap, please discuss this with the class teacher.

Meet the teacher

Our first event is an opportunity for you to meet the teacher which will take place next Wednesday 13th September, 2017 directly after the end of school.

Lower Prep (including Reception)

Parents should wait in the Lower Prep playground and the teachers will collect you at the end of school (3:30 pm). The event will last approximately 30 minutes.

Upper Prep (Years 3 – 6)

Parents should go to the school hall via Reception. The event starts at 03:45 pm and will last approximately 40 minutes.

During this meeting, you will be issued with a Curriculum Plan giving an overview of the work your child will be doing for this term. Subsequent plans will be issued at the start of each new term. You will also be informed about Parents Consultations, communication with the teacher, assemblies (including when your child's class assembly will be), timetables, homework, routines and expectations.

For our new families it is our practice that we use our Monday assembly to celebrate children's achievements. Parents do not attend this assembly but may send in certificates and trophies, notes of success that your child may have achieved outside school, eg swimming certificates, Martial arts badges and belts, dancing achievements, sports success etc. This really helps the children to receive awards formally and to be recognised by others for their success. Our Friday assembly is attended by parents if they wish to see their child perform. This is always a lovely event and you are welcome to join us for any of these assemblies. The new start time will be **08:50 am** and this will be followed by complimentary coffee and cakes **after the assembly**. The whole event usually takes 45 minutes but we will allow up until 10:00 am for you to enjoy socialising with other parents and joining us for refreshments.

I look forward to seeing you at our first event next Wednesday and wish you and your child a very happy and successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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