

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year, and a very warm welcome to all the families who have joined us this week. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and is feeling ready for the busy term that lies ahead. The children have really impressed me with how quickly they have settled back into school and we have had a lovely first week to get the year off to a great start.

Communication

School life is always very busy, and I know there is a lot to keep up with as a parent! For whole school news and upcoming events, please take the time to read my fortnightly emails. For information about what your child has been learning, please check the class blogs which the teachers update every Friday, and follow us on Instagram and Facebook. Diary dates are on the website and the newsletter and we try to give parents as much notice as possible. Please do not hesitate to speak to me or your child's teacher in soft start, after school, or by requesting a telephone call, if there is ever anything you would like to discuss.

Parent information meeting about selection for sports teams

Last year was the first year we had a full-time specialist PE and Sports teacher, and as a result our children had the opportunity to participate in an incredible 84 sports fixtures across 4 different sports. In response to parental feedback, Mr Clements will be holding a short information meeting on Friday 13th September at 8.50am in the Community Room to explain how children are selected to represent the school in our sports teams and to answer any questions. Anyone is welcome to attend, although the information is probably more appropriate for parents of children nearer the top of end the school.

Parent information meeting about phonics

Reading is a crucial life skill, and we focus on teaching children to read from their very first day in Reception. We will be holding an information meeting for parents about how we teach children to read using phonics, and how you can support your child at home. The meeting will be held in the theatre on Wednesday 25th September at 8.50am, and again everyone is welcome but this is probably more suited to Reception parents or anyone who is new or would like a refresher!

Tottenham Hotspur football sessions

We are delighted that the coaches from Tottenham Hotspur football club will be returning this term to lead a football session with every class from Years 1-6. These will take place on Mondays over the next 4 weeks. The children will need their PE kits so please see the diary dates for when each class has their session.

Coding League

Mr Bushell has entered our school into a Coding League this year. He has shared the information with children in Years 4-6 on their Google Classrooms and invited them to respond if they are interested in joining. He will use a random number generator to select the children if demand exceeds the number of spaces available.

Next week we will send out information about the extra-curricular clubs we have available this term and curriculum information for each year group. Clubs will start the following week on 16th September. I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Stray

Diary dates Autumn term 2024

2nd September	INSET day
3rd September	First day of term
6th September	Y5 swimming starts
9th September	Spurs football: Amethyst, Crimson, Amber
13 th September	Parent meeting about sport 8.50am in Community Room
16th September	Clubs start
16th September	Spurs football: Forest, Aqua, Gold
20th September	Flu Vaccinations
23rd September	Spurs football: Magenta, Scarlet, Vermillion
25th September	Y3 Stone Age Day
25th September	Phonics and Reading information meeting for parents 8.50am theatre
26th September	European Day of Languages
26th September	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
27 th September	Year 6 Lego Coding Workshop
30th September	Spurs football: Sage, Sky, Saffron
4th October	Harvest Festival collection for Food Bank
7 th October	Year 5 3D Printing Workshop
9th October	Individual photos
14 th October	Year 5 3D Printing Workshop
21st October	Year 6 Bikeability training week
28th October	Half term week
4th November	INSET day - school closed to pupils
15th November	Magenta sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
20 th November	Animal Man visiting Year 2
22nd November	Amethyst sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
26th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
28th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm

29th November	Sage sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
4th December	Y1 Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
6th December	Forest sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
13th December	Reception Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
17th December	Pantomime at the Alban Arena 10:30am
18th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
18th December	Christmas Lunch
19th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19th December	End of term 1.30pm
20th December	Occasional Day - school closed

Sports fixtures

Football

Thursday 12th September - Boys A cup vs Abbey (TBC @ Normandy Rd)
Friday 13th September - Year 5 Boys @ Fleetville
Tuesday 17th September - Girls @ Oakwood
Wednesday 18th September - Boys A & B @ Bowmansgreen (KO 3:30pm)
Tuesday 24th September - Year 4 Boys tournament @ St Columbas
Wednesday 2nd October - Girls cup @ Wheatfields
Monday 7th October - Boys A & B @ Prae Wood
Wednesday 9th October - Boys B & Year 5 @ Wheatfields
Thursday 10th October - Boys B @ Bernards Heath
Wednesday 16th October - Boys A and Girls @ Samuel Ryder
Monday 21st October - Boys B @ Bernards Heath
Tuesday 22nd October - Girls @ Cunningham Hill
Thursday 24th October - Girls @ Oakwood
Wednesday 13th November - Boys A @ Mandeville
Thursday 14th November - Boys B & Year 5 @ St Columbas
Wednesday 20th November - Boys A @ Mandeville
Thursday 21st November - Boys A and Girls @ Samuel Ryder
Thursday 12th December - Year 5 @ Fleetville

Cross country

Thursday 26th September @ Colney Heath
Thursday 17th October @ Fleetville
Thursday 7th November @ Wheatfields

Netball

Wednesday 2nd October @ Prae Wood (friendly)
Wednesday 13th November @ Gardenfields
Thursday 21st November vs Prae Wood @ ACS