

Dear Parents

Welcome to all our new parents and welcome back to all our 'older parents'.

The school has now reached its full Primary status from Nursery to Year 6. A journey that has had hiccups along the way, but as the school is thriving, it was the right decision to make back in 2011/12. There are now 98 children on roll.

Last year the Government implemented many changes regarding education, particularly the 'academies agenda'. With new leaders, it is hoped that we shall be allowed to embed the initiatives before having to change the syllabus yet again. The academy agenda seems to have quietened down again and the County buzz words are "closer collaboration" between schools. This has always been part of our Y2 work moderation for the National Teachers Assessments. This will continue, alongside closer working of Governing Bodies and teacher visits to other Schools.

We are pleased to welcome Ms Carina Murray to the staff. She will support Mrs Curran in Kestrels and Red Kites.

Staffing	Teachers	L.S.A's
Badgers and Cubs	Mrs Gibbons Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mrs Farnworth Wednesday	Mrs Watson Monday to Friday mornings Mrs Drake Monday to Fridays mornings Mrs Irwing
Otters and Hedgehogs	Miss Flint Monday and Tuesday Mrs Taylor (Music) Wednesday mornings Mrs Baird (RE) Wednesday mornings Mrs Ramm Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, Friday	Mrs Cronin Mrs Irwing Mrs Hellewell Monday to Friday mornings
Kites and Kestrels	Mrs Curran Monday to Thursday Mrs Baird Friday morning Madam Alani – French Mrs Taylor - Music	Ms Murray Mrs Irwing Monday to Friday
Falcons and Eagles	Mrs France Monday to Thursday Mrs Taylor Fridays and Music Madam Alani – French	Mrs Cooper

Mrs Roberts is in the office from 8am – 3pm on Monday and Tuesday and from 8.30 – 1pm on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Baird is the SENDco and her special needs days are Monday and Tuesday.

We have an open door policy and invite parents into school on a regular basis. If you have any concerns about your child please contact the class teacher for a mutually agreeable time to meet. I am also available to talk through any issues.

Children can be dropped off on Monday to Thursday at 8.30am for Wake & Shake – 15 minutes of fun games either in the Hall or weather permitting outside on the field. There is no limit to numbers and no need to book a place. Classrooms are open from 8.45 each morning. This allows the children to come into school calmly, work on a class challenge with a friend or have feedback from the teacher on a piece of work. All children must be in the classroom for 8.57am in time for registration. There will be a late book and I will be keeping an eye open for persistent late-comers!

Medication and Sickness

If your child is on regular medication, please see me as a health plan form must be completed. Otters, Hedgehogs, Kestrels, Kites, Falcons are on-going. If prescribed medicine is necessary during the day, a parental permission slip must be filled in. Non prescriptive will not be given by members of staff.

Please could you ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you during the day. If your child is unwell please inform the school and if your child has been sick then at least 24 hours must pass before returning to school.

Nut allergies – we have a nut free zone in school as 5 children have serious allergies.

Holidays

Holidays in term time are only granted under special circumstances, (we are still awaiting a Government update on this). All requests should be put in writing to the Chair of Governors. Requests may be turned down. If a holiday is taken then unauthorised absence will be marked on the registers.

We had outstanding attendance last year of 97.8% and I would like to think that we can repeat 50% of the school having 100% or 99% attendance.

One of the issues that will re-occur in the newsletters is parking. We will be resending our parking policy as to where to park. Please help Mrs Roberts and myself from getting abusive phone calls re parking.

In the parental questionnaire it was mentioned that the newsletters were too 'nagging'. I will try to keep them more friendly and informative but please check the website for information before ringing the school.

Naming of school uniform – please ensure that all PE kits and sweatshirts are named. A lost property box will put out at the front of the school on a regular basis.

As our cloakroom areas are small, there is no room for large bags. These are becoming a Health & Safety hazard. A PE bag and a book bag/folder that will fit a classroom tray is all that is required.

Celebration Assemblies

These are open to parents on a Friday morning at 9am. On the following dates the class of the week will share their work. We will also celebrate a 'star' of the week from that class, whole school birthdays, any outside of school achievements and also our school values stars.

16 th September	23 rd September	30 th September	7 th October	14 th October	21 st October
Falcons	Eagles	Red Kites	Kestrels	Hedgehogs	Otters

4 th November	11 th November	18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December
Badgers	Eagles	Falcons	Red Kites	Kestrels

After School Clubs

Mondays – Tennis

Zorbing

Tuesday – Netball Club for Years 3/4/5/6 girls

Wednesday – Multiskills (Activkids) Golf lunchtimes, Recorder lunchtimes,

Choir 3pm – 3.30pm

Thursday – Cheerleading

Friday – Football Club

These all run from 3.20 to 4.30pm. All details will be sent by Parent Mail in the next few days. Additional clubs will be run throughout the year.

A plea from the coaches: Please pay for the club prior to commencement.

All the school dates will be on the school calendar on our website.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our school events and working as a partnership throughout the coming year.

Diary dates

23/9 – McMillian Coffee Morning and cake sale
26/9 – Red Kites and kestrels visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum – Details to follow
27/9 – Skipping Workshop
28/9 – Harvest Festival - Details to follow
28/9 – PTA AGM 8pm - Details to follow
4/10 – Open Day 10-11.30am and 6-7.30pm. If you know of any prospective parents, please let them know.
13/10 – Individual Photographs - Details to follow
17 & 19/10 – Parents Evenings - Details to follow
20/10 – Eagles and Falcons trip to Sky Television Studios
24/10 – 28/10 - Half Term
20/11 – 10KM Run
5/12 – Flu Immunisations for Otters, Hedgehogs and Kestrels
6/12 – Nativity – Badgers, Cubs, Otters and Hedgehogs – 1.45pm
7/12 – Nativity - Badgers, Cubs, Otters and Hedgehogs – 1.45pm
7/12 – Nativity – Kestrels and Red Kites – 6pm
8/12 - Nativity – Kestrels and Red Kites – 1.45pm
14/12 – Carol Service
15/12 – Carol Service
20/12 – Party. End of Term 1.30pm

There will be further dates added as the term progresses.

You will have probably noticed that there are no Nativity plays for Falcons and Eagles. This is because they will work on a major summer production during the Summer Term 2017.

Our choir will be working towards joining thousands of other choirs at the **Albert Hall** in March 2017. Parents will be invited to join us at this exciting event.