



Headteacher: Mrs J Ramshaw B.Ed Hons.

6th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. It has been lovely to see our children looking so smart and eager as they begin the new school year.

There have been a number of changes made to our school during the holidays, including new internal blinds fitted, the grounds being improved, a barrier installed onto the staff carpark. Mr Bassey, Mr Mobbs and Mr Davidson have worked very hard to get our school ready for the new year.

Just a few reminders:

School uniform is grey trousers and skirts, black shoes, a white or yellow polo shirt and royal blue jumper or cardigan. As space is very tight in school we ask that the children do not bring backpacks to school – just their book bag and lunch box. PE kit should be in a draw-string bag and this stays in school. We noticed that a number of children were wearing large hair adornments at the end of last year; these are not part of our uniform and should not be worn in school. We also ask that children do not wear hair braids or have patterns shaved into their hair.

PALS is in the Community room, which is accessed from the pathway from the Wellingborough Road – this is a pedestrian access only, apart from the residents of the houses who do have access to their garages. PALS is oversubscribed, and must be booked online via the school website.

School start time - The doors will be open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.50am. Children arriving after 8.50am will miss part of their learning and find it difficult to settle, please support your children by getting them to school on time.

New Academic Year

We are looking forward to this new academic year. For the first 2 weeks of the term we have a whole school theme about Northampton, the different year groups study an aspect of our town and we host an open afternoon on Friday 15th September from 1.45pm for Years 1-6, where you can visit the classroom, see your child's work and meet their new teacher. You will be able to take your child home once you have visited the classroom on this occasion. You will be receiving a newsletter from your child's year group with information about the areas of study for this term and general organisational issues.

For children moving into Year 1 and Year 3 we are holding a meeting to explain the expectations of the new Key Stage on Wednesday 13th September at 2.45pm for Year 1 parents and Thursday 14th September at 2.45pm for Year 3 parents in the school hall.

We are continuing to host **coffee mornings** on Monday mornings in the community room, our first one is on Monday 11th September from 9-10am. The school nurse will be available to speak to as well as our Family Support Workers.



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Extra curricular clubs for Years 1-6

We host a variety of after school clubs:

Friday 8th September, Football For All will be running taster sessions with children from Y1-Y6. We will send details of how to register your child for this club by the 8th. Sessions will start on Wednesday 13th September.

Hotshots Basketball will run taster sessions on Wednesday 20th September, your child will come home with details of how to register for this club after this session.

Tennis club, Funky Dance, Gym club, Art club – details of how to register for these clubs will be sent home later this week. There is a charge for these clubs.

Chess Club will continue on Friday lunchtimes for children in Y3-6 and is free of charge.

We will send a list of all of our clubs for this term by Friday 8th September. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Nuts

As we have children with nut allergies, nuts are not allowed in school including nut products such as peanut butter. Please ensure that you keep us up to date with any medical requirements your child may have. Data forms will be issued shortly for you to check and return.

Parking – a polite reminder that parents should not park in the drop off zone – this is for parents of Year 5/6 children who wish to drop their child off – not for parents of younger children to park in. The roundabout should not be used to park on. Please use the wider roads on the other side of the Wellingborough Road if you need to drive to school. The staff car park is not accessible for parents unless you hold a Blue Badge, please contact the school office if this is the case.

PTFA Clothing Collection

Please bring any unwanted clothing to the main school gate by the drop off zone on Monday 18th September by 9am. Thank you

Staffing

We have Miss Amy Paige joining our Year 5 team as a School Direct Student, she will be with us for most of this year.

Miss Louise Edwards has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher and will be leading on learning and teaching across school.

Miss Rhiannon Spaven has joined our senior leadership team as Phase Leader for Year 5/6.

We look forward to working with you this academic year.

Best wishes

Jill Ramshaw
Headteacher