



The BROADCAST'

Newsletter 1 Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Families,

Thank you for helping us guarantee a smooth transition for all pupils back to school. They have all settled into their new classes and are certainly enjoying mixing with their friends again. Thank you for cooperating with our new school day. The KS2 bell rings at 8.45am followed by the KS1 bell at 8.50am. This gives you plenty of time to say goodbye to both children if in different key stages. The school day finishes at 3.15pm for everybody. Hopefully, you have received a paper copy of a letter from your child's teacher. You can also view this letter, along with a topic web, on the class pages of the website. This will give you information regarding P.E days, reading books and the topic they are studying. We have enjoyed welcoming our Reception children to our school family. Clubs will be starting this term and more details will follow. We anticipate being able to offer Gymnastics, Kickstreme, Dance, First Aid, Cross Country, Table tennis, Young Voices, Book Club and and Football.

Welcome to our new staff

If you ring or come to the school office you are likely to be greeted by either Mrs Hickey (Yes!-the original!) or Mrs Charlton. Both are sharing the admin role whilst Mrs Parsons is on maternity leave.

Mr Ward has made himself at home with Year 5 and is enjoying being part of such a great team of experienced teachers and caring children.

Mr Pollard is our new SENDco. He is keen to meet you all so is in the playground at the start and end of the school day. He is busy booking appointments with all families that he needs to meet as well as engaging with teachers and introducing himself to the children. We know you will help him settle into this demanding role so that he is able to use his wealth of experience to best support our pupils. Mr Pollard works four days a week. He is not in school on Thursdays.

Every year we ask you to complete the following paperwork so that our records are up to date.

- Data Information Sheet
- Permission letter
- Medical Form

Your child has been given paper copies so they can be signed and returned to school as soon as possible. Please remember that it is vital you keep us informed if your telephone number changes. We need to get hold of you quickly if there was an emergency. Please return these to the School Office by Friday 15th September 2023.

Our School Day is precious learning time. We have experienced first quality teaching timetabled to begin at 8.45am for KS2 and 8.50am for KS1. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, everyday unless they are ill. Also, please be aware that the teacher needs to start teaching at 8.45am and their class of 30 are waiting to begin. They are not available to talk to parents after the bell. Please leave less urgent questions until the end of the day.

Well done to all the pupils who successfully prepared for Big Write last year. We will continue to offer the pupils an opportunity to write independently in school every week. We ask that you continue to prepare for this at home by talking about the title and sharing inspiration as to what content could be included. This week the title is 'My New Class'.

Your children will be given a new PAWS folder next Friday. They have until 12th December to complete these activities. Please use Seesaw to collect evidence as well as doing some of the activities on paper. This gives your child a good balance of ways to record. We have a Seesaw policy on our website.

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Key Dates:

Monday 11th September-Year 3 Meet the teacher 2.30pm-3pm

Tuesday 12th September- Year 1

Wednesday 13th September- Year 4

Thursday 14th September- Year 5

Please register at the school office and you will be escorted to the classroom. This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet the teacher. This is not for discussion about your individual child.

Year 6- Secondary transfer meeting-Wednesday 27th September 6pm

Saturday 16th September -Grammar School Entrance Exam

Thursday 21st September-9am Year 1 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading.

Other news:

- Mobile Phones in school- A reminder that any phone brought to school MUST be handed into the school office and collected from there at the end of the school day.
- Year 6 children will shortly receive the paperwork they need to express their choice of secondary schools. We hold a meeting for parents to support you in this process. We have amended this date to Wednesday 27th September. This is because we have been made aware of a clash with Churchdown open evening on 20th



Thank you so much to the Tout family for designing and providing our new football kit. Also, we have a new banner to take to competitions. We are so grateful for your thought and kindness.