

NEWSLETTER



**Autumn
Term
04.09.26**



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. Welcome to all of our new families in Reception and across school. Thank you for joining our school community and we look forward to working with you over the coming year.

This first newsletter is predominantly an information release newsletter.

As it has been a 3 day week, and the classes have been rehearsing their routines and explaining the expectations for the year, there are no celebration certificates this week. These will commence next week.

These first few weeks can feel like school is bombarding you with information. Apologies in advance for this. At the start of the year, there is often a lot of information we have to share with you all. Once we leave September, this starts to subside significantly.

It has been a busy summer, with the new kitchen being installed and the redevelopment of the old 'Tyre Area'. This new equipment shouldn't be used after school. School accepts no liability for any injury caused while children are using this outside of school hours. There are limitations to the use of the equipment. Using the equipment not in line with its use, also negates school's warranty. As previously shared, the cost to redevelop this area was around £35k. Apologies for this but it is my duty as headteacher to share this with you all.

Next week, we will have a new member of staff working across Reception Class and Year 1. They will be supporting the pupils with their work while staff begin to deliver the NELI programme to different groups of children. NELI is a DfE funded programme supporting pupils early language skills. Children accessing this programme make up to 7 months extra progress in their oral language skills.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

The governors and I would like to place on record our sincere thanks to Mrs Horden-Ashton for her four years of service to the governing board. Mrs Horden-Ashton has decided not to renew her term of office due to her new work commitments. Next week, we will be writing out to all parents to seek a new parent governor. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to learn about how school operates and to support the strategic direction of school.

Attendance:

Over the summer break, the DfE produced a document to help parents support their children back to school. The document 'The back-to-school reset guide' has been sent in the email containing this newsletter.

Communication Plan:

Accompanying this newsletter is the school's Communication Plan. This is one of the most important documents we share with parents. This document outlines how school and parents communicate with each other. It includes the timelines for school to reply and outlines that requests for meetings on the spot/immediately in most cases will not be accommodated. When requesting a meeting / phone call with staff, please ensure you state the reason. This ensures we can allot appropriate time to support you with your query / concern and that any information which will support the meeting can be at hand. It also ensures that we are fulfilling our Safeguarding duties and controlling access to the school site as appropriate.

Leigh Leopards:

This term, we will again be working with the Leigh Leopards Foundation. They will be working with Year 6 on a Monday afternoon (PE and PSHE work). In the mornings they will be working with different groups of children across school on different aspects of school life: resilience, friendships, good choices, dealing with negative emotions. This work supplements our PSHE curriculum.

School Uniform:

Thank you. The children have arrived back at school looking smart. Just a couple of reminders:

1. We have no space in school to accommodate rucksacks. Please do not send these into school as they are a health and safety hazard. The exception we shared last year still applies.
2. Earrings - small stud earrings only.