



September 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back to everyone, hopefully you have all had a great summer break and are raring to go for the new school year!

### Meet the Teacher

You will have already received your invite to a short presentation to 'meet' your child's new class teacher. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend as teachers will deliver important information about: curriculum, homework, expectations and routines for the year. Many of these things can change and develop as the children move through school. These meetings are also an opportunity for parents and carers to understand the different ways in which they can support the children with their learning. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Head Boy and Head Girl

Joe and Eilidh led their first celebration assembly this morning and they were brilliant. Any nerves that they may have had were put to one side and they started the year off very well. I am sure they will be great ambassadors for the school in the coming year.

### House Captains and Vice Captains-

The following children are the captains and vice captains for their houses over the next twelve months. They will lead by example and are expected to be role models for the children in their houses. They will support with sporting events and house point competitions throughout the year.

Warren -

Captain - Joe Vice-Captain - Alfie  
Warburton

Captain - Tabitha Vice-Captain - Rahul  
Mainwaring

Captain - Ava Vice-Captain - Logan  
Leycester-

Captain - Alex Vice-Captain - Ricky

### School Uniform

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for their support with our drive on school uniform and its link with pride and standards. The children have looked magnificent since we came back to school in September and are definitely modelling our school values.

### Attendance

We have seen an improvement in school attendance since it became a priority last year. Increasing attendance will remain a school priority as we want to see further improvements until we outperform the national average. It is extremely important that the children are in school every day to ensure that they do not miss any learning. Correspondence is being sent out to parents from the school regarding its stance on absences..

### Free School Meals

A reminder on Free School Meals - Since September 2014, all infants have been eligible for a free school meal, but some children may be eligible for extra funding through the pupil premium.

It is worth registering for Free School Meals anyway because if you register:

- > School receives a 'pupil premium' - an extra payment which can be spent on useful services;
- > Registering your child may also get you financial help for extra things like uniform, trips or music lessons.

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class teacher and the senior leadership team. The rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please see Mrs Simmons in the office or visit [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm) or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

### Our school and curriculum continue to develop-

The staff have been working hard over the summer to ensure that the classrooms continue to be exciting and engaging to the children. The school looks amazing so thank you and well done to all of the staff.

We have also been developing Year 2, (Cycle B) of our two year rolling curriculum programme. The children will be introduced to their new learning journeys over the next few weeks.

During our INSET days the staff have taken part in training sessions on a new system of marking and feedback for the children, (more information on this will follow during the Autumn term). This will offer bespoke feedback to the children and give them more opportunities to act on the feedback to develop their learning. We have also explored and developed the way handwriting will be taught in school along with a focus on written and mental calculation strategies.

### MPSA

The MPSA have an exciting timetable of events for the coming year and continue to support the school.

### Teddy Bear's Picnic

Our new reception children have taken part in their own teddy bears picnic today. They all had a great time, brought their favourite teddy bear, played together and began forming new friendships that will hopefully last throughout their school life.

### Knutsford Vikings Swimming Club

The school has been contacted by Knutsford Vikings Swimming Club to ask if any of our children would like to join them to develop their swimming skills and have lots of fun at the same time. For further information please contact - Louise at [knutsfordvikingsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:knutsfordvikingsmembership@gmail.com)

### A few reminders

The summer holiday can be a long time so I thought this might be helpful-

- School gates open at 8.30am and the doors open at 8.45am. Class teachers will be in class ready for the children. Can children please arrive as close to 8.45am as possible as this then gives them more time to access their early morning learning tasks.
- Children should not play on the equipment or play football on the playground before school.
- Any pupils arriving after 9.00am should come to the main school entrance.
- We cannot authorise pupil absence in term time except in exceptional circumstances.
- Please take care when parking near school to ensure that everyone arrives and leaves school safely.

### And Finally-

We operate an 'open door' policy which means that we will always endeavour to speak with you and support families in any way that we can. Please arrange to speak to a member of the team should you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward working together to build on our previous successes and ensure that the school goes from strength to strength.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill

Head Teacher

### Diary Dates Ahead

*Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.*

7/9/18 Teddy Bears Pic Nic
14/9/18 MPSA AGM (2pm)
27/19/18 MPSA Bingo
4/10/18 Pastoral Governors Meeting
8/10/18 Christmas Cards out to parents

17/10/18 Parents Evening
19/10/18 Christmas Card orders back to school
24/10/18 Parents Evening
25/10/18 MPSA Halloween Disco
25/10/18 Resources Governors Meeting
26/10/18 SCHOOL CLOSES

5/11/18 SCHOOL OPENS
15/11/18 MPSA Film Night
30/11/18 MPSA Christmas Fair
5/12/18 Learning & Teaching Governors Meeting
13/12/18 Full Governing Body meeting
18/12/18 Carols around the Tree - KS2
19/12/18 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
20/12/18 Class Christmas Parties
20/12/18 SCHOOL CLOSES

7/1/19 SCHOOL OPENS
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