



6th September 2024

### A Message from Miss Olver

A warm welcome back to all our pupils, families and friends.

I hope you all had a fantastic Summer break and enjoyed the beautiful weather (which seems to have quickly disappeared this week!).

We have had a great first week back at school. The children have enjoyed being in their new year groups and meeting their new teachers. There have been lots of fun learning and settling activities going on and I have seen a lot of smiley children!

We are all very excited for the year ahead.

### Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 26th Sep 3-3.30pm Year R, 1 and 2 Phonics Parent Information Meeting

Fri 27th Sep 9-9.30am Year R, 1 and 2 Phonics Parent Information Meeting

Mon 7th Oct 2.30pm Harvest Service in Church

Tues 15th Oct Flu Vaccination Day

Tues 22nd Oct Parents Evening

Thurs 24th Oct Parents Evening

Fri 25th Oct House Team Kindness Day

**Mon 28th Oct—Fri 1st Nov Half Term**

Mon 4th Nov—INSET Day

### Key Information

Today you will hopefully have received a calendar of key events for the year. We are hopeful that this will be useful for you in sharing key dates which you may wish to attend and to see some of the events which are planned in.

We are keen to further develop our use of 'houses' this year and so have organised a house team day for each half term. This will encourage more cross-age collaboration and build team-work skills in different contexts.

We have also planned in some parent information meetings which we hope will help further your knowledge and understanding of different aspects of learning and assessments at school.

Due to changes in staffing this year, key positions to bring your attention to are:

Our **Designated Safeguarding Lead** is Miss Olver with Mrs Perkins as **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**. Please speak to one of these members of staff if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding.

Our **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator** is Miss Olver, please speak to her about any concerns regarding SEN.

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## Forest School Update

As you will probably already be aware, Mrs Perkins is training to become a Forest School Teacher. She is now in the final stages of her training and is able to run Forest School sessions. These will be running on a Tuesday afternoon and the plan is for each year group to have one half term in the year when they take part in these sessions. So far, all the practice sessions she has run have been hugely successful so we are very excited to start rolling this out officially.

A huge thank you to FEMS who kindly funded a custom-built shelter which was installed over the Summer. This means we can now run sessions regardless of the weather and expand some of the activities on offer.



## PE

Just a reminder that on PE days, children can come to school for the full day in their PE kit.

PE days for each class are:

Adventurers—Monday and Wednesday

Explorers—Wednesday and Friday

Voyagers—Wednesday and Thursday



The children enjoyed their first PE sessions on Wednesday with Mr Fooks and Mr Murray. They will be working on developing their football skills with them this half term.

## New Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with our move to the new uniform. The children have all looked so smart this week in their new kit and it has been lovely to see them wearing this with such pride.

I know there have been a few teething issues in terms of sizes which we are working on with Skoolkit—please bear with me us!

We do have some of our clothing funding left, so if you do need any help with purchasing uniform, please pop in and see me or Mrs T or drop us an email and we will be very happy to help.

