

Friday 11th September 2020

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all families. We are delighted to be able to open the door again to our children. It has been exciting to see children engaged in new learning after the partial closure and the long summer break.

We recognise that the transition back to full time schooling comes with challenges for us all. We have worked hard to ensure children can access school safely and we appreciate your support as we have worked to improve systems this week. Thank you for your understanding, patience and feedback.

The children have adapted well to their new year groups, new classrooms and new teachers. The school staffing profile is included on the back of the newsletter and a full staffing list is available on the website. From Monday you will also be able to access short 'meet the teacher' videos on our school website to hear more about the new school year and the year group learning taking place this half term. You will also receive the half termly curriculum newsletter in book bags.

We are committed to ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum as well as ensuring pupils catch up quickly on the lost learning as a result of school closures earlier this year. Our PSHE curriculum has been adapted in line with new statutory guidance meaning children will learn that mental wellbeing is a normal part of their daily routine. This will go hand-in-hand with content on nutrition, the importance of staying active, and recognising the early signs of physical illness meaning children better understand how mental and physical health are linked.

As well as reading our fortnightly newsletter, please also follow us on Twitter and Facebook and add our website to your 'favourites' to learn about all the exciting things taking place in school.

We look forward to working in partnership again with you this year.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 1

KS1 children have done an excellent job settling back into school routines this week. In Year 1, children have been learning the story *Owl Babies* by Chris Waddell. They have enjoyed learning and rehearsing, repeated phrases and developing their own actions to go with the story.



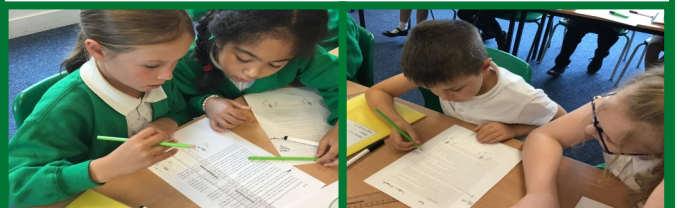
## YEAR 4

In Year 4 this week, Hazel class read the Greek myth *'Perseus and the snake-haired monster'*. Children rehearsed oracy skills by reading the myth with appropriate intonation and body language to create an effective atmosphere.



## YEAR 5

Our Year 5 pupils have been reviewing their understanding of place value by adding and subtracting tens, hundreds and tens of thousands to numbers up to 1 million. In Literacy, they have unpicked the features of both a myth and legend and have begun to explore *'Beowulf'*. They will use this to inspire their own piece of writing.



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## OUR TEACHING TEAM 2020 / 2021

### Orchard Staffing Profile

<b>Maple Class</b> Ms Tamanna Hussain	<b>Chestnut Class</b> Ms Bethany Buttery & Mr Sam Carruthers	<b>Redwood Class</b> Ms Jessica Vora
<b>Holly Class</b> Ms Victoria Ibbett & Mr Zammedin Siddique	<b>Poplar Class</b> Ms Jazmin Clarke	<b>Elder Class</b> Ms Marishae Sotiri
<b>Hawthorn Class</b> Ms Lenna Marson	<b>Laurel Class</b> Ms Amy Trillwood	<b>Hazel Class</b> Ms Elena Evdyriadou
<b>Cedar Class</b> Ms Rehana Begum	<b>Sycamore Class</b> Ms Amanda Cannon	<b>Walnut Class</b> Ms Charlotte Rosenthal
<b>Willow Class</b> Ms Megan Lindsey	<b>Olive Class</b> Ms Abigail Lodge	<b>Rowan Class</b> Ms Catherine Nawrat
<b>Oak Class</b> Ms Fahmida Khatun	<b>Pine Class</b> Mr Kadir Karababa	<b>Ash Class</b> Ms Yeliz Yesilyurt & Mr Edward Hodgkin
<b>Apple Class</b> Ms Eleanor Clarke	<b>Elm Class</b> Ms Noshaba Jacquot	<b>Cherry Class</b> Ms Faiza Shariff
<b>Acorn Class</b> Ms Andreea Oprita	<b>Sapling Class</b> Mr Edward Knapp	

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff who are committed to ensuring the best learning opportunities for our children. This term we welcome four new members to our teaching team and welcome back many familiar faces too.

Last week all staff attended two days of induction and training in order to prepare for the new academic year. As well as revisiting our vision, values and core routines, staff also discussed the COVID secure risk assessment, mental health, well being and the key learning for the new term.

Children will be working in 'bubbles' meaning they will learn, play and eat with peers in their year groups only. These arrangements follow government guidance and will support in keeping children safe.

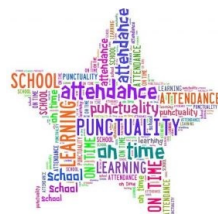
Our staff will be in the playground each morning and afternoon however we are asking parents to enter and leave school site promptly to help keep the community safe. If you need to meet with the teacher, please support us by calling the school office who will organise an appointment for you.

## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential. We are very proud of the achievements and progress of our pupils and are passionate about a child's right to an education. Attendance for all children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work in partnership with parents to achieve above 97%. A huge thank you to all families for supporting children's readiness to return to the classroom this week!

### Well done for a great start to the term!

We have achieved 93.7% overall attendance so far.



## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 7th September  
**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 26th - Friday 30th October  
**Children Start Date:** Monday 2nd November  
**Parents Evening:** Thursday 10th December  
**Finish Date:** Friday 18th December at 2pm

### Spring Term 2021

**Staff Training Day:** Monday 4th January  
**Children's Start Date:** Tuesday 5th January  
**Work & Enterprise Week:** Week beginning 18th January  
**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February  
**Children's Start Date:** Monday 22nd February  
**Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):** Friday 19th March  
**Parents Evening:** Thursday 25th March  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 1st April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2021

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 19th April 2021  
**Families' Week:** Starts Monday 26th April 2021  
**Bank Holiday:** Monday 3rd May 2021  
**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021  
**Children Start Date:** Monday 7th June 2021  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 25th June 2021  
**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):** Starts Monday 28th June 2021  
**Parents Evening:** Thursday 8th July 2021  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 22nd July at 2pm  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 23rd July 2021

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## COFFEE MORNINGS AND DROP IN SESSIONS

We have a range of coffee morning themes planned across the term and these will be available via video link. We hope that you will be able to view these and find these a useful tool for keeping in touch with the school. In addition to coffee mornings, Parent Drop In sessions will be launched every second week. We will be offering you an opportunity to meet with a member of the Inclusion Team to talk about learning, well being and home support. Appointments can be made by telephoning the school office.

Date	Focus
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Reading:</b> How to support your child to develop their reading and comprehension skills
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Maths (for Year 2 +):</b> How to support your child with recalling their times tables.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2):</b> A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Anti-Bullying:</b> Learn what the school does to prevent bullying.