

Friday 10th September 2021

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back. We hope that you had a wonderful summer break. As usual during the summer closure we have been undertaking building works including painting classrooms, playground maintenance as part of our health and safety audit and the main playground has had new tarmac. The school has also been deep cleaned in readiness for children returning.

During the summer break, the COVID 19 guidance to schools has changed and means that children are no longer restricted to year group bubbles and will be able to mix with other children in assemblies and in the playground as well as sitting at group tables again in their classrooms.

The children have settled quickly back into learning with their new teachers. The school staffing profile is included on the back of the newsletter and a full staffing list is available on the website. 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 Meet the Teacher sessions will take place next week on **Monday 13th September for Year 1 and 2, Tuesday 14th September for Years 3 and 4 and Thursday 16th September for Years 5 and 6**, all sessions will start at **3.40pm**. We ask that one family member attends only to hear about the upcoming half term from the teacher and receive a copy of the half termly curriculum newsletter.

Please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website (link from the school website). If you are struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

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.

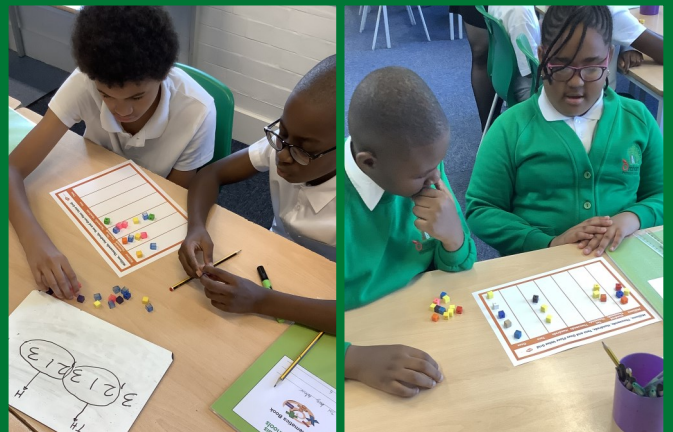
We look forward to working in partnership again with you this year.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 6 PLACE VALUE

Year 6 pupils have started the year off by revisiting their understanding of place value. They have used resources, such as dienes and place value mats to represent numbers up to 10 000 000. During these lessons children have rehearsed, discussed and challenged each other to create numbers using appropriate vocabulary. These sessions will give our Year 6 pupils a good platform so that they can approach complex problem solving over the coming weeks.



## HOME SCHOOL DIARIES

By now you should have received a new **home school diary**. Please make sure that comments and page numbers are recorded in this every day and that the diary is cared for and signed weekly. There is information inside to help in knowing what to ask and write after reading with your child, including some helpful questions. There is also a times tables square to help practise these. Knowing times tables off by heart makes maths much easier! **Homework** is sent home every **Thursday** and is due back early the following week so that it can be marked. Your help with making sure that tasks are completed is very much appreciated!



**BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.**

## STAFFING PROFILE 2021 / 2022

<b>Ms Rachel Davie</b> Executive Headteacher <b>Ms Aimee Walker</b> Headteacher			
<b>Ms Keisha Nelson</b> EYFS and KS1 Deputy Headteacher		<b>Ms Maxine Cutforth</b> KS2 Deputy Headteacher	
<b>MS Ruth Grover</b> Assistant Headteacher		<b>Mr Zammedin Siddique</b> Assistant Headteacher	
<b>Ms Rebecca Ellis</b> Assistant Headteacher		<b>Ms Felicity Headen</b> Assistant Headteacher	
Year 6	<b>Redwood Class</b> Ms Tamanna Hussain	<b>Maple Class</b> Mr Sam Carruthers	<b>Chestnut Class</b> Ms Lauren Simpson
Year 5	<b>Holly Class</b> Ms Victoria Ibbett	<b>Poplar Class</b> Ms Bethany Buttery	<b>Elder Class</b> Ms Marishae Sotiri
Year 4	<b>Hawthorn Class</b> Ms Lenna Marson	<b>Hazel Class</b> Ms Amanda Cannon	<b>Laurel Class</b> Ms Rehana Begum
Year 3	<b>Cedar Class</b> Ms Malgorzata Jezierska	<b>Sycamore Class</b> Mr Scott McBurney	<b>Walnut Class</b> Ms Kelly Ong
Year 2	<b>Rowan Class</b> Ms Catherine Nawatt	<b>Willow Class</b> Ms Bethany Trail	<b>Olive Class</b> Ms Abigail Lodge
Year 1	<b>Oak Class</b> Ms Fahmida Khatun	<b>Pine Class</b> Ms Yeliz Siddique	<b>Ash Class</b> Ms Sophie Varley
Reception	<b>Apple Class</b> Ms Jane Austin	<b>Elm Class</b> Ms Sabrina Gamer	<b>Cherry Class</b> Ms Elsa Cummins
Nursery	<b>Sapling Class</b> Mr Edward Knapp		<b>Acorn Class</b> Ms Apia Ankar-Holly

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

Our senior leadership team are Ms Walker as Headteacher of our school, Ms Nelson as EYFS and Key Stage One Deputy Headteacher and Ms Maxine Cutforth as Key Stage 2 Deputy Headteacher.

Last week all staff attended three days of induction and training in order to prepare for the new academic year. As well as revisiting our vision, values, core routines and our curriculum, we also talked about mental health, well being and prepared class environments for pupil return.

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 our 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.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the **Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning**. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Reading:</b> How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Anti-Bullying and behaviour:</b> What does bullying mean? What do I do if I think bullying is happening?
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Maths:</b> How do I use Timestables, Rockstars and Mathletics at home?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Online-Safety:</b> How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Homework Support:</b> How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Spelling and Vocabulary:</b> How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Science:</b> What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?

## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2021

**Staff Training Days:** Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 6th September 2021

**Meet the Teacher:** Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:** Wednesday 29th September 2021

**World Week & Democracy Day:** Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021

**Children Start Date:** Monday 1st November 2021

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 9th December 2021

**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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