



### **Dates for your Diaries**

- Friday 2nd October—Y1 trip to Wyre Forest
- Tuesday 6th October—60 children on Swan Lake trip
- Wednesday 7th—School photographs
- Wednesday 14th October— Parents' Evening
- Thursday 15th October—  
- Parents' Evening  
- Harvest Festival
- Friday 23rd October—  
- 6C class assembly  
- Breakup for half term
- Monday 2nd November—Children return to school
- Thursday 5th November—Y2 trip to Dudley Zoo
- Friday 6th November—  
- 1E class assembly  
- Y6 trip to Chester Zoo  
- Y5 trip to Cosford
- Friday 20th November—4P class assembly
- Friday 27th November— Year 4 trip to Lunt Roman Fort
- Friday 30th November—Year 6 Residential to Ingestre Hall
- Friday 4th December—5B class assembly
- Friday 18th December—break up for Christmas

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new academic year and a special warm welcome to all of the new children and families who have joined us. We all hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forwards to an exciting, new academic year!

Mrs Garratt (our Deputy) is now on maternity leave and we are looking forward to hearing about the arrival of her baby very soon!

We welcome a new Site Manager, Mr Astley, who I am sure you will see around school. We also welcome back Miss Bull who will be working in Nursery.

The children are settling very well and it has been a very calm start to the academic year. As a reminder, a list of all of the staff is included over the page.

You will shortly be receiving a newsletter from your Phase Co-ordinator who will provide you with details of the curriculum and topics that the children will be covering. Further details can be found on the school website and a reminder that letters are always uploaded here and so can be referred to as necessary.

### **Some New Year Reminders**

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is available at a cost of £3.00 per day. We are almost full but have a few spaces. Please enquire at the school office to book a place.

#### **Free Meals for Reception, Years 1 and 2**

A reminder that all of the children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are now entitled to a free school meal every day, regardless of your circumstances. This saves £10 per week per child and a lot of trouble making packed lunches! Our lunches are very popular and we have two serving points enabling us to serve the children as quickly as possible. Please ask at the office (or refer to the website) to see the school meal menu.

#### **Reception & Secondary Admissions**

The online application process for Reception and Secondary places for September 2016 will soon be open. If you have a child currently in Nursery or in Year 6, you will need to complete the online application form. Children in year 6 will have received a letter in July explaining how to apply. Nursery children will receive a letter week commencing 21st September. If you need any support to complete the form, then our Learning Mentor, Mrs Adams, will be pleased to help you.

### **Forms**

I appreciate that at this time of year there are a lot of forms to complete. As you can imagine, updating the details for 471 children on our computer system takes a lot of time! It would be very much appreciated if these could be returned promptly.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am and children should arrive in school PROMPTLY and be in class in time for the first bell. Lessons start immediately after registration and so if children are late, they often miss the teaching for their first lesson which doesn't provide a smooth start to the day.

Please bear with staff for a while at the end of the day whilst they are getting to know you and to ensure that they hand over the children in Foundation stage and Years 1 and 2 to the correct adult collecting them. This will get quicker as they get to know you and can be greatly helped if you stand in a similar place each night!

### **School Gateway**

Don't forget that you can now make payments to school via credit or debit card via our new 'School Gateway' service. Many parents have already registered for this service and feedback has been very positive. You can use this service to pay for dinner money, breakfast club, and school trips. School Gateway also provides us with a new text and email service. If you have a smartphone you can download the 'School Gateway' app from your app store. Alternatively you can login via the website at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

### **Newsletters**

To help save the school time and money all future newsletters will be issued via email. If you don't have an email address, don't worry, you will be able to obtain a copy of the newsletter from the school office or view via the school website.

### **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

We will shortly be advertising for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are interested in applying for this position, please speak to the school office or visit [www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk) from next week.

## SCHOOL STAFF

FOUNDATION STAGE TEAM – Led by Mrs Hinton (Phase Co-ordinator and Nursery teacher)

- Mrs Davison (Reception)
- Miss Stevenson (Reception)
- Mrs Holland (Reception)
- Miss Drury (Reception)
- Miss Guest (Reception)
- Miss Thomas (Reception)
- Mrs Casey (Nursery & Reception)
- Mrs Morton (Nursery)
- Miss Bull (Nursery)

PHASE ONE TEAM – Led by Miss Virdee (Phase Co-ordinator and Year 1 teacher)

- Mrs Evans (Year 1)
- Mrs Shakespeare (Year 1)
- Miss Thomas (Year 1)
- Miss Westwood (Year 2)
- Miss Hunter (Year 1)
- Miss Crumpton (Year 2)
- Miss Hodgetts (Year 2)

PHASE TWO TEAM – Led by Mrs Pardoe (Phase Co-ordinator and Year 4 teacher)

- Mrs Seville (Year 3)
- Mr Roper (Year 3)
- Mrs Freer (Year 3)
- Mrs Hanley (Year 3)
- Mr Kemble (Year 4)
- Mrs Smith (Year 4)
- Miss Guest (Year 4)
- Mrs Parkes (Year 4)

PHASE THREE TEAM – Led by Miss Pell (Phase Co-ordinator and Year 6 teacher)

- Miss Banyard (Year 5)
- Mr Welch (Year 5)
- Mrs Smith (Year 5)
- Mrs Robinson (Year 5)
- Mrs Comery (Year 6)
- Mr Hipkiss (Year 6)
- Mrs Ross (Year 6)

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- Are aged 21 or over
- Want to help a child or young person

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