



Message from Mrs Hopkins...

It was lovely welcoming back our Year 1 and Year 2 children last week, who are all settling well into their new classes and year groups. Our new Reception children have started this week and also seem to be settling in well, along with the children who are new to our 'Oaks' provision.

You will have no doubt noticed that the building work to the roof is unfortunately not finished, so we still have an area of the playground and grass area that is not accessible to us currently, thank you for bearing with us whilst they complete this work.

We have exciting plans for playtimes and lunchtimes, which will be rolled out over the year. There will be a whole range of different zones that the children will be able to access. We have the construction area open already. You will have received a letter about this. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Kemp for the fantastic mud kitchen he has built for us over the summer, we are awaiting another, kindly being built by another parent also.

You should now have received the diary dates for the year, so these can go onto your calendars and will hopefully be helpful to working parents/carers who need to request time off work. You will also receive a topic letter that will outline your child's learning for the first half-term.

Our current school value is: Independence

"We try to do things by ourselves." We try to do tasks on our own and show some perseverance if needed.

Please do talk to your child about this and praise them when they show independence, talk with them about the need to practise to get better at tricky things. If there are struggling with doing something on their own, encourage them with positive phrasing, try some of these:

"It's not that you can't, you just can't YET..."

"It doesn't matter how many tries it takes."

"Show me how you do it!"





We have celebrated with:

Hope M and Ritchie J who are now 5!

Sangken R, Layne S, Bodie E, Isaac W, Joshua L, Jaxton O, Finley G and Thomas D-B who are now 6!

**Marcus T, Ewan M, Aria L and Nebechi N
who are now 7!**

REMINDERS

EARLY BIRD/AFTER SCHOOL - Please ensure you book your places the week before. Please do not park in the staff car park, staff are finding it difficult to park, there are spaces on the road.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT — Please can you ensure that your children are not using equipment before and after school. If your child is riding or scooting, please can you remind them to dismount before coming onto the school ground.

Thank you for your support.



Stars of the Week



- 1H – Ronnie W** for making an excellent start in Year 1 and being kind and friendly to others. Well done.
Nara G-D for writing super independent sentences.
- 1R – Brooklie S** for settling into school well and being very helpful.
Rosie-Mae E for doing her writing independently, well done!
- 1S – Oakley F-H** for being super kind and friendly! A brilliant start to Year 1.
Ella W for always doing the right thing and following our school rules!
- 2A – Winnie R** for showing independence and respect. Well done on a fantastic first week in Year 2!
Skye D-B for showing confidence and contributing in class during discussions.
- 2BC – Aubrie W** for a fantastic start to Year 2. You have had super concentration and have tried your best at everything!
Darcey M for a fantastic attitude towards her learning. She always tries her best!
- 2W – Bertie N** for settling into Year 2.
Evolette for always being polite and respectful.

Well done to all of these children!



Attendance



These classes have had 'good attendance' 96% or more over the past few weeks:

**R1, R3, 1R, 1S, 2A,
2BC x2.**

Week ending: 4th September

Highest weekly attendance: 1S (99.4%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.1%

Week ending: 11th September

Highest weekly attendance: R2, 1R and 2A (100%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 97.6%

Well done. We know that sometimes illness means children need time off, if they are just 'a little under the weather' please send them in, we will monitor them and would always contact you if they need to be at home. If you are unsure whether your child should be kept off please take a look at the information following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/U_KHSA-should-I-keep-my_child_off_school_guidance-A3-poster.pdf

If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason please do come and speak to one of the attendance or pastoral team or ask their class teacher to pass on a message, we are here to help:

Mrs Demers, Mrs Lapworth, Miss Barrass or Mrs Hopkins.