

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. The children have returned to school smart and smiley. We are looking forward to getting to know our new joiners and to having a great first half-term.



Classes and staff

Class/teacher structure for the academic year:

Class	Class/Teacher(s)
R: Wren	Reception – Miss Lanceley
R: Robin	Reception – Mrs Savage & Mrs Burns
1: Penguin	Year 1 – Mrs Bingham & Mrs Reid
1: Puffin	Year 1 – Miss Read
2: Kingfisher	Year 2 – Mrs Buckley
2: Flamingo	Year 2 – Miss Stockwell & Mrs Young *Miss Hudson is covering Mrs Young until she returns in October
3: Crane	Year 3 – Miss Keightley
3: Heron	Year 3 – Miss King
4: Starling	Year 4 – Miss Hassanjee
4: Raven	Year 4 – Mr Cutler
5: Skylark	Year 5 – Miss Vousden
5: Swift	Year 5 – Mrs Waltho & Mrs Hoskins *Mrs Anderson is covering Mrs Hoskins until she returns in December
6: Owl	Year 6 – Miss Dando
6: Eagle	Year 6 – Mrs Sherbourne

Teaching Assistants

Please remember, whilst teaching assistants are often based within a year group, they will work across classes and across the school. Classes will therefore not always have a TA present.

Assistant Heads of School (AHOS)

Part of our school development plan (linked to Ofsted outcomes in January 19) has been to increase leadership capacity and structure within the school. This will enable us to more effectively support our key strategies in teaching and learning. As a result, we now have two Assistant Heads of School, Mrs McKerrow and Mrs Anderson. Both will continue to work in the classroom for part of the week, covering teacher PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time) but will also have time supporting and leading developments in teaching and learning as well as working very closely with myself.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance. If, following this, you feel further support is needed, you can contact the appropriate Assistant Head: Mrs McKerrow (based across Pre-school, Reception, years 1 & 2) and Mrs Anderson (based across years 3, 4, 5 & 6) or myself.

Other key support staff available for you to speak to regarding concerns or support, who can be contacted to book appointments with via the main office:

Tracy Salisbury (Learning Mentor), Ross Eakers (Family support worker) and Mrs Burgess (SENDCo – Special Educational Needs Coordinator).

Key dates for the year

Please see the key dates sheet accompanying this newsletter. It sets out the key dates/events for the school year. We always endeavour to stick to these dates and changes will only take place in exceptional circumstances, of which we will notify you as soon as we possibly can. Please keep this sheet; it will be useful throughout the year. It is also available to download from the school website in the 'Newsletters' section.

Please ensure we have up to date contact details for text reminders.

October Half Term:

The children break up from this term on Thursday 24th October (Friday 25th is an Inset day). Half term will therefore run from Friday 25th October to Sunday 3rd November (inclusive).

Children return to school on Monday 4th November.



House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains for this year:

Beaufort	Meteor	Spitfire	Whitley
Nathan Barrow Chloe Webb	Daniel Davis Kiri Bingham	Brooke Jones Harvey Poole	Riley Brooker Summer Ford

Sports Captains

Congratulations to our new sports captains who will be supporting our PE leader Miss Dando to organise house sport events, as well as representing the school and reporting back on sporting achievements in our good news assemblies. They are: Kornel Areington and Nevaeh Ryder.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

Website

Curriculum overview – What your child is learning about this term

You can access curriculum overviews for each year group on the school website. Each term (Autumn, Spring, Summer), a new overview is added so you can see the summary of key topics/objectives that your child will be learning during the term.

Parent Text message and E-mail service

Please ensure we hold up-to-date contact details for you (phone number and where available an e-mail address) so we can include you in our electronic communications.

Sickness

Children may only return to school 48 hours following the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea.

Playground

For safety reasons...Please ensure that dogs are not brought onto the school site and that they are not left tied to the school railings.

We also state that all bikes and scooters must be dismantled before entering the school grounds. Any bikes/scooters left on the school premises are done so at the owners' own risk.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's school uniform and PE kit is labelled with their name. This will help us return any stray items. Lost property is located at the main school office.

Coloured trainers and excessive, large hairband/bows are not appropriate for school uniform.

The children go outside in all weathers, so please ensure they have suitable shoes and a coat for the autumn and winter months.

Where possible, the children will get out on the field during break and lunchtime. It would therefore be helpful if you could please provide your child with wellies. We will be looking at purchasing racks for these in the coming term.

Nuts

We are a nut-free school so please ensure you do not send anything containing nuts in your child's lunchbox or as snack as this is potentially dangerous for those with allergies.

After school clubs

Please read the information about after school clubs on the school website. It explains how places are allocated for school-run clubs and external clubs.

Here you can also view the list of the extra-curricular clubs running this half-term.

This can be found by clicking on the 'School information' tab and selecting 'clubs and activities'.

Class assemblies

This year we are going to trial each class presenting a class assembly. Parents of the class presenting the assembly will be invited to attend. Unfortunately, there will not be enough space to open it up to all parents. The assemblies will take place in the school hall from 9am to 9.20am and entrance will be via the side hall doors.

The schedule for the Autumn term is:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Thurs 19 th Sept – Y6 Eagle	Thurs 14 th Nov – Y6 Owl
Thurs 26 th Sept – Y4 Raven	Thurs 21 st Nov – Y5 Skylark
Thurs 3 rd Oct – Y2 Kingfisher	Thurs 28 th Nov – Y4 Starling
Thurs 10 th Oct – Y3 Crane	Thurs 5 th Dec – Y3 Heron
Thurs 17 th Oct – Y5 Swift	Thurs 12 th Dec – Y2 Flamingo
Thurs 24 th Oct – Y1 Penguin	Thurs 19 th Dec – Y1 Puffin

Text reminders will be sent to parents of each class nearer the time.

Year 6 pupils' Secondary School applications

The year 6 children have been given their letters regarding Secondary school applications. If you have not received your letter, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Your applications must be made by **31st October** at the latest.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school/>

September 2019	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for school places
From 2nd September 2019 to 31st October 2019	Online Secondary/High School transfer application facility open
Saturday 14th September 2019	Grammar Entrance Test Day
By Monday 14th October 2019	Grammar Test results sent to parents
Thursday 31st October 2019	Closing date for school applications
Monday 2nd March 2020	Allocation Day