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Welcome to the new academic year!

Welcome to the new academic year at Sunnyfields.

I hope you have had a lovely summer and your children are ready for an exciting year ahead.

Thank you for helping your children make an excellent start to the academic year by ensuring that they have arrived in school looking fantastic in their new uniform and school shoes.

The school is focused on providing the very best education possible. We try and share as much of this as possible with you through newsletters,

Twitter, the school website and open days.

The school works really hard to develop partnerships with parents and carers. Later in this newsletter you will find more information about sharing how well things are going and what to do if you have concerns.

I pride myself on being a hands on head teacher. This means I spend a lot of time in the classrooms and on the playground with children and some time teaching.

I also pride myself on being accessible to parents, carers and children. Therefore, if



Children hard at work in FS2.

you need to check something, have a query or concern my door is always open. Please call by the main school office to check my availability or email me directly.

Mr. David Richardson
Head Teacher

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Dates for your diary

- * 23rd September Photograph Day
- * 20th September KS1 Phonics and Maths Workshops for parents
- * 20th October Parent's Evening
- * 21st October School closes Half Term Holiday
- * 31st October School Opens
- * 4th November Parent's Open Day

Improvements to the school building!

You may have noticed a few changes in and around school. We are lucky at Sunnyfields to have such a well maintained school. However, it does take a lot of money and an ongoing maintenance program to keep it looking so good.

During the summer

holidays we installed safety fencing to separate the main staff car park from the entrance and had the pathways resurfaced. We also built a new staff car park inside the school grounds. This will enable all of the staff vehicles to be parked on site.

In Foundation Stage we have completely redecorated the department and fitted new toilets and a kitchen in the nursery area.

We have also invested substantially in new resources for the children across the school.

Come and join us in school.

Assemblies

Please come and join us on a Friday morning from 9:00-9:30 for our Mentions Assembly. In this assembly we celebrate children's achievements in school and out of school. If your child has received a special



Children work hard to achieve their very best, ready for assembly on a Friday.

award out of school please pass this onto the class teacher who will share this in assembly.

We also have presentation assemblies at the end of each term with a visit to the Church at Christmas.

Come and join us in school

Throughout the year we have lots of open days for you to come and experience what a day in school is like for your child.

We are also always looking for volunteers to support reading or share a new skill. If you have a few hours spare and want to share a skill please get in touch!

Meet the Governors

The governors are a board of individuals who are responsible for working alongside the staff to support the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction. The board is made up with a range of individuals who have been appointed to the governing body by the local education authority, parents, staff and the school itself. The governing

body represents all stakeholders in the school. The governing body meets formally three times per year. Minutes of these meetings can be accessed on the school website. Individual committees of governors

meet more regularly to ensure that the school is progressing as it should be. Governors also spend a lot of time working alongside the leadership team to monitor the school against the school improvement plan. The school will be advertising a vacancy on the board for a parent governor during the Autumn Term. Information about this will follow later in the

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David Richardson
Head Teacher



Martin Hobbs
Chair of Governors



Ben Sheppard
Vice Chair of Governors



Julie Hides
Co-Opted Governor



Jamie Macconnachie
Staff Governor



Gaynor Bellamy
Parent Governor



Claire Strawbridge
Parent Governor



Ruth Martin
Co-Opted Governor



Lorraine Flint
Co-Opted Governor



Margaret Walker
Co-Opted Governor

School Meals

The vast majority of our children now have a school lunch – these are cooked on the premises and are delicious. However, if your child does bring sandwiches please remember we are a healthy school.

Packed lunches should not contain sweets of any kind – one small snack type biscuit is acceptable along with sandwiches and fruit; fizzy drinks are **not** allowed at lunchtime.

Children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school lunch. Their class teacher will have

asked whether your child would like a hot meal or sandwich option. The school cook orders ingredients for school dinners 3 weeks in advance.

Except in extenuating circumstances, (which we can usually cope with) in order for school lunches to run smoothly we ask that you decide whether your child will be on dinners or sandwiches and give half a terms notice of a change. This is especially important as we have an electronic dinner book system and we would

hate to overcharge people for their lunches!

School trips and days out

Pupils who normally have a school dinner will also do so on these days when the school cook will provide a tasty meal suitable to be eaten off the premises; the children will be able to pre order their choice of sandwiches.

Keeping in touch with school?

We work really hard at Sunnyfields to ensure that your child is safe, secure, makes progress and has fun. It is really nice to hear when you are happy with things at school as this is shared with the staff and governors. If you would like to share a compliment you can do this by writing a letter to the school, speaking to the staff in person,

commenting on the school's Twitter feed or emailing Mr. Richardson.

You can also leave feedback anonymously on Parentview which the school reviews weekly. www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

If you are not happy with the way things are going, it is important that we know. The first step is to speak

to your child's class teacher. If this does not help, speak to the relevant phase leader. Again if you concern is not addressed speak to one of the senior leadership team or email the school office who will forward on your email.

Remember that we want the same things as you do for your child!

The School Office

Mr. Ainsley (School Business Manager), Mrs. Gibbons (Office Manger), Mrs. Gateley (School Office) and Mrs. Hides (Parent Support) are on hand to help you with any query or concern that you may have. Whether it is paying for dinner money online, discussing the price of school visits, collecting children for appointments or discussing concerns about your child they are there to help.

The office is staffed from 8:30 in a morning until 4:00pm. If your child is going to be late or absent please contact the school office on 01302 780386 by 9:00am.

Mrs. Gateley also looks after the administration of after school clubs. They will start on 12th September. If you require any information on clubs please contact Mrs. Gateley.

Leave of Absence in School Time

If you wish to take your child out of school for more than half a day you will need to make this request in writing by collecting a request form from the school office. The advice to Head Teachers from the Department of Education is that a leave of absence should only be granted in exceptional circumstances. **Family holidays are not deemed to be an exceptional circumstance.**

Who do I need to speak to?



Mr. Richardson
Head Teacher



Mr. Crosby
Deputy Head



Miss Walden



Mr. Ainsley
Business Manager



Mrs. Hammond
EYFS Phase Leader



Miss. Garner
KS1 Phase Leader



Miss. Smith
KS2 Phase Leader



Mr. MacConnachie
Meerkats



Miss. Brownson
Zebras



Miss. Cheesmond
Giraffes



Miss. Raynor
Pumas



Miss. Lumley
Leopards



Miss. Best
Panthers



Miss. Laycock
Panthers



Mrs. Gibbons
Office Manager



Mrs. Gateley
School Office



Mrs. Hides
Parent Support

Friends of Sunnyfields

Friends of Sunnyfields is a group of parents and staff that work throughout the year to raise funds for our children. FoS hold a number of events throughout the year including fashion shows, children's discos, Christmas Fayre, and Summer Fayre.

They fundraise for resources and equipment that is not normally supported by the school budget.

Over the years, FoS have raised funds for picnic benches on the playgrounds, new play equipment, playsuits for Foundation children, stages and disco lights.

Friends of Sunnyfields would like to invite new volunteers to join. This is a great opportunity to get to know people if you are new to the school.

It is also a fantastic opportunity to help raise funds for the special items that help make the school such a nice place to be. The FoS welcomes support from parents, carers, grandparents, aunt and uncles.



New picnic benches.

Our first meeting of the new term is on Friday 23rd September at 9:00am in the Technology Room (No assembly due to photographs). Come and join us for a coffee as we plan the year's events!

Important Dates

INSET days (In Service Training Days) are days set aside by the Department for Education that are additional to the 190 days of pupil education. The five additional days are for ongoing training of teaching staff. We have taken two INSET days already this year on 1st and 2nd September.

The remaining INSET days where we will be closed to children are on:

- 27th February 2017
- 26th May 2017
- 5th June 2017

The Y6 SATs week is on **8th May-11th May 2017** and Y1 Phonics week commences on **12th June 2017**. Absence should be avoided during this time.
