



Dear parents: welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Summer break and are refreshed and ready to go for the new academic year. I had a wonderful first day back on Tuesday as I registered all our new Reception children. I have written before about when my elder daughter started her first day in school I lined up all excited with her. A stern looking admin officer opened the door at 9.00am sharp and said: "Thank you. All parents can leave now!". As 30 four and five year old children filed into school in a line for their first day in school. 23 years ago but remember the moment vividly. I was a deputy head at the time and vowed if I became a head it would not be like this. It is a special day and we like to mark it as such. Warm welcome to one and all and please read on.

School news ... this week

Monday Staff training day on Safeguarding and the new Ofsted Framework September 2019.

Tuesday 29 new Reception children started and others higher up the school.

Wednesday 1 Reception child started and 7 new Nursery children

Thursday ... 4 new Nursery children started.

Friday Newsletter and all term dates now given out and on website.

School news ... next week

Monday 10.15 Assembly. Start of search for new Head boys and girls from Year 6.

Curriculum Newsletters go out 3.30pm.

Thursdaydelighted to report that our Artist in Residence Lily Hawkes is returning every week until Christmas.

Friday Roald Dahl Day and lots of great events planned.

2.00pm Westminster Diocesan Chief Inspector to visit.

Welcome to Reception Class in the order they came in....

Eabha - Princess Mary - Ayana - Sophia - Mary - Tehillah - Mara - Tristan - Ivy - Anna - Havillah - - Luca - Nathaniel - Sienna - Elijah - Aleksander - Joseph - Luca - Rudy - Elijah - Evie - Luca - Annalise - Henry - Niamh - Saul - Luca - Janelle - Elliott - Dolly.

We hope you all enjoy many wonderful years in the school. Next week Nursery children.

In the past we have always published a picture of our new Reception Class in the first newsletter of the year unfortunately due to changing times, parental permission is now required from everyone for even large group photos and we are unable to publish the lovely whole class photos we have taken. Sad face



and finally hope everyone enjoyed Summer and if you went away overseas you managed to survive as the £ collapsed ... the Sierra Leone Leone and the Argentine Peso did slightly worse so some comfort there. As most parents know I like to read a lot and holidays are a great chance to indulge. Really enjoyed How Britain really Works by Stig Abell. Very well written and easy to read. He said whenever anyone says they've never seen anything like this and unprecedented times ignore them as history repeats itself. I agreed in early August as I lived through the 1970s and the 3 day week, IRA bombings and the Winter of Discontent. This week has been like nothing I can recall and I was not alive in 1642 at the beginning of the English Civil War. As the wise Chinese philosopher once said "may you live in interesting times"..... anyway Ben Stokes livened up the Summer and the EPL started again. For new parents I quite like West Ham and we are 6th. wonder what Churchill would have made of this week ???... Rugby World Cup around the corner and Autumn on its way be happy, keep smiling and help your children in every way you can and we will always do our best too. Lots of exciting things planned up till Christmas so stay alert as they say.