

Newsletter

Wednesday 12th September



A message from the Headteacher

It has been lovely to welcome the children into school across all the classes over the last week and introduce myself. I have thoroughly enjoyed starting to get to know the children, families and staff and very much appreciate the warm welcome I have received.

You may notice that this newsletter is in a simplified format; this is because we are in the process of designing a new newsletter which will feature artwork from children in the school. This is representative of the greater emphasis we will be giving to the celebration of children's learning in the coming year.

We are excited about developing children's opportunities, experiences and outcomes in all subject areas of the curriculum this year, giving prominence to areas such as science, physical education, the humanities and the creative arts. We will be re-assessing and developing the school environment, including the outdoor areas, so that these support our enriched curriculum and make the best possible use of the space we are lucky to have. At the heart of our vision is the involvement of parents and the community. Therefore, over the coming weeks I will be holding two sessions where I will share my ideas and priorities for the school and listen to your thoughts about developments that you would like to see. Your input will be gratefully valued so that we can work together to ensure our children continue to enjoy and achieve across all aspects of school life.



These meetings will take place in the hall on Thursday 20th September from 9.00-10.00 and Tuesday 25th September 5.30-6.30 and I hope that many of you will be able to come. If you can't make either of these times, I would be keen to hear your thoughts and any useful skills you may have that might help us! Please talk to me in the playground before or after school or phone Mrs Browning in the school office to make an appointment. 01392 259964

New Faces

Our new teachers, Miss Downing and Mrs Brown, have very much enjoyed meeting their new classes in Willow and Oak. We are also very pleased to welcome our new Office Manager, Mrs Browning, who has a great deal of experience in school office management and finances. We are very glad to have her at Ide and she is looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks. We are also very pleased to welcome Kathryn Walters who will be working as a Teaching Assistant based in Chestnut Class.



Oak and Pre-school Starters

New children in Apple and Oak classes have made a fantastic start to their school life and we have been delighted with how well they have settled in each morning.

They seem to be very much enjoying getting to know the other children and adults in school and there have been lots of smiles which is always a good sign!

Upcoming Events

Theatre Alibi

Theatre Alibi are visiting us on 21st September to perform 'Table Mates'. Thank you to all those families who have already paid. If you could drop your voluntary contribution of £4 into the school office by 14th September or pay online, we would be grateful.

Ide Show

This Sunday 16th September is the Ide Village Show, which will take place in the school hall from 2.30, with presentation of prizes at 4pm. Art work from Willow and Elm class pupils will be on display during the show so please do drop in to see it and enjoy all the delights of the show. I will be there, co-presenting some of the prizes and sampling the tea and cake!

Help Needed!

Do you have an old camera or phone that has a camera of reasonable quality which you are not using anymore? We would appreciate any donations to use in school.

Do you play rock guitar; whether solo or in a band? We would love to have a band or electric guitar soloist to come into assembly to play and help us launch our 'Times Tables Rockstars' home learning for maths.

16 th September	Ide Show
20 th September	Headteacher's Coffee Morning 9.00-10.00
21 st September	Theatre Alibi
25 th September	Headteacher's Cheese and Wine 5.30-6.30 followed by FIS AGM
28 th September	Chestnut CSI Investigator Workshop
8 th October	Book Fair 3.30
16 th October	Oak trip to West Town Farm
18 th October	FIS Movie Night
19 th October	Tempest Photos (individuals and Family Groups)

Governor News

We had two vacancies for Parent Governors notified in the recent Governor Newsletter. We were delighted that two parents applied- Amanda Pujol and Liz Mundy. Having talked to them both, we decided that the governing body would greatly benefit from their many skills. As there were no other applications, no ballot was necessary and so they were invited to join us for our first meeting last Monday. Two other governors, Dawn Chapman (who was previously a governor when her son was in the school) and Tim Seelig (a volunteer from the university) also joined us as co-opted or community governors. We now have a full set and are really looking forward to working with Alice and the rest of the school community to ensure that the school is the best it can be.

Details about all the governors and contact details will be posted on the school website in the near future.

Ann Boyce (chair of governors)