



I would like to welcome you all back to school and hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I am pleased to report that the children in Years 1 – 6 have already settled back into the new school year and their new class quickly and smoothly. Thank you for sending them all back to school looking so smart. So many of our children seem to have grown a lot during the holidays!

**Staffing** – I would like to welcome all our new members of staff to our school and hope you are also settling in quickly. Mrs Found has joined us in Year 4 as Maple class teacher and Miss Rap in Year 2 as Elder class teacher. Mrs Eades, and Mrs Garry join us as Learning Support Assistants and Miss Walker as our new Learning Mentor.

**School Values** – At the end of last term staff and governors considered and reviewed the values we felt were important to our school. We now have four values spelling '**PART**' and we have shared these with the children during Worship this week. Hopefully, your child will remember what our new values are! The four values are Perseverance, Aspiration, Respect and Teamwork. Year 6 children are already thinking about and preparing their election speeches to become an Ambassador. As from this September there will now be one Lead Ambassador and two Deputy Ambassadors and elections will shortly be held for these positions of responsibility. There will also be elections for Year 5 & 6 prefects, school councillors and charity reps. We would welcome any Ambassador or school council election posters!

**Attendance** – We will be introducing a weekly Reggie Rabbit Award for Reception & Key Stage 1, to be presented weekly to the class with the highest attendance for the week and also a trophy for Key Stage 2 children for the class with the highest attendance. At the end of term, 100% attendance certificates will be given to all children who achieve this. Please support us with encouraging good attendance.

**Key Dates** – You will shortly be receiving a list of key dates for the year. We make every effort to keep to a majority of dates, but please be aware sometimes dates change due to circumstances. Last term I released some Autumn Term dates, but two of these dates were inaccurate, many apologies.

**Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling** – With the new curriculum has come a very strong focus on the mechanics of writing and with this in mind, we are holding a GPS meeting on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm** in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

**PARKING** – Please can I remind all parents that no cars should ever stop or park on the yellow, hatched lines outside school. A local resident has now photographed three offending cars yesterday and today with their licence plates very visible and has informed me that he will pass the photos onto the police, should this continue. Please park considerately and safely. The yellow hatched lines are to keep all of our children safe.

**PTA** - The first PTA meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.45. We would welcome new members to the group. The PTA are also holding a welly walk on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September; all families are welcome to join in with this walk.

**On Line Safety Training** – Many parents and staff are increasingly concerned about the safety of children on line and especially as many children seem much more confident and skilled using technology than adults are! We have therefore arranged training for children during the school day and an evening training session for parents on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. We would encourage as many parents to attend this session as possible. However, due to numbers and content during the meeting, we respectfully ask parents not to bring their children to this evening meeting, but to make alternative arrangements. Further details of this training to follow.

**Governors** - We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor for which an election will be held. Details of this will be sent out very soon. There is also a vacancy for a Foundation Governor, which does not require an election and is open to anyone recommended as being able to uphold the Christian Values of the school. Volunteering as a governor can be very rewarding and enjoyable and it gives a very different perspective on school life. We welcome any interested parent, who would like to be part of our journey. Please let us know if you would be interested in one of these vacancies.

**Jeans for Genes Day**-On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017, Holy Trinity will be fundraising for the Jeans for Genes charity – and we are asking for your help. Jeans for Genes supports many of the 500,000 children in the UK who live with the daily challenges of a genetic disorder. Our children are invited to come to school wearing jeans or a denim skirt or shorts, along with their normal school shirts, jumpers and shoes. In return we are asking for donations of £1, or as much as you can afford. You can find out more about the charity's vital work, and the children they support, by visiting its website: [jeansforgenes.org](http://jeansforgenes.org).

**A few photos of our first week back to school!**



**Silver Birch children hard at work learning about how fossils are made.**



**Chestnut enjoying working as a team to use the parachute.**



**Elder class concentrating hard, writing independently.**



**Juniper children are completing their own book reviews.**



**Oak class working together to help the mouse escape the cat in PE!**



**Willow children's ideas about two main characters in their new core text "Rooftoppers."**



**Damson class showed great teamwork, sharing trains and bricks!**



**Maple children creating and agreeing their class rules.**



**Lime children thinking hard about their sentence structure.**



**Hawthorn class practising writing sentences with the correct punctuation.**



**Pine class researching pointillism in art.**

### **Achievement Leaves on the Tree:**

**Chestnut – Morgan, Damson – Ben, Elder –Ollie, Hawthorn – Freddie, Juniper – Cara, Lime –Esme, Maple –Marley, Oak – Raven, Pine – Mia, Silver Birch – Lacey- Rose, Willow –Raffy**



### **Congratulations to:**

**Liam in Oak for achieving a Blue Peter badge**

**Archie in Silver Birch for achieving his 50m swimming badge**

**Zoe in Willow for having a piece of creative writing published**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017 – 2018 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

**AUTUMN TERM 2017** (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

**INSET DAYS 2017 – 2018**      **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Meeting for parents 6.30pm in the hall

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Rescheduled Kingswood Meeting for year 6 Parents/Carers**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> PTA meeting 7.45

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2.30 Flu Drop in Info Session.(Field Door)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September “ Jeans for Genes Day” non uniform.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – PTA Welly Walk

September 25th-29th Open Days for September 2018 intake by appt.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Residential

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October –Parents Workshop – Maths - Fractions, Decimals, Percentages 6.30pm in the hall

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival - 9.30am Key Stage 2, 10.30am – Key Stage 1

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual School Photographs ( Siblings before school in the hall )

Monday 23-27 October Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October Inset Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Online Safety Support Meeting for parents

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Eucharist at the church

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Open Afternoon

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November Flu Vaccinations Years R,1,2,3,4

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Carols around the Tree

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 2.00pm – Reception/ Year 1 & 2 Nativity ( Team A & B to be advised at a later date)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – House Treat**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Interim Reports to go home**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Party Day**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Reception / Key Stage 1 Christingle 9.30am , Key Stage 2 Christingle 10.30am**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

**There will be further dates to be added, we are just awaiting confirmation of these dates.**