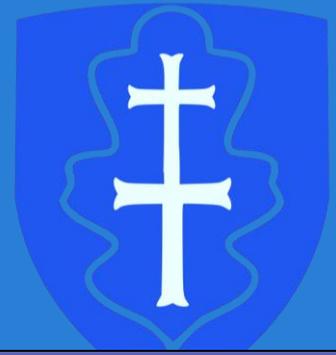


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Newsletter 1

Head Teacher's News

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as Head Teacher of this fabulous school. The past week has been a wonderful opportunity for me to begin to get to know children, staff, parents and community members alike. It is instantly clear what a fantastic body of support the school has behind it, and I look forward to tapping into it! The future is bright for us, and I am excited about making the journey with you.

As well as my first day, it was also the a new start at Radnage for several children, including our new Badgers. Not only have I been impressed by the calm, confident way they have settled into school life, I have also been delighted by the warmth and care that has been shown to them by our existing pupils.

I have added a number of dates for this term to this newsletter, and would ask you to read through them carefully. There are some exciting opportunities for us all to work together over the next few months, and I would like to draw your attention to a few of these. I have made some changes to the Collective Worship schedule, and would like to make an open invitation for parents and community members to join us for Friday's celebration assemblies from Friday 27th September as I will be at a conference on the 20th.

On Wednesday 11th September at 7:00pm, I will be giving a presentation about my vision and plans for Radnage. However, I would also like to use this as an opportunity to find out some of your thoughts and hopes for the school, so please come equipped with ideas ready to share! There will be drinks afterwards!

On Monday 16th September, our new Inclusion Lead, Mrs Lisa Brant, will be holding an open day for appointments to discuss your child and any SEND needs they may have with her. Appointments can be made through the school office.

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will start next week and are an excellent opportunity to find out about the day to day routines that provide the structure for children's learning.

Finally, on Tuesday 12th (English) and Tuesday 26th (Maths) of November, we will be holding two Open mornings. These will take the form of a workshop on how we teach these subjects; methods and strategies that will help you when working with your children at home and a chance to ask any burning questions you may have. Then, you will have the chance to go to your child's classroom and see the learning in action.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received from the community. I hope you have an excellent weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on the school gate.

Best wishes

Sam Browne



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Start and end of day arrangements

School starts at 8:50 am. The green gates to the playground are opened by a member of staff at 8:40 am each morning. Children and families can then wait on the playground. Older children may be left in the supervision of staff on duty.

At 8:50 am a whistle will be blown for the children to stand still. A second whistle will then be blown for the children to line up on the field end of the playground.

Children are then taken into school.

The green gates are locked by 9:00 am. Children arriving after 9:00 am are late and should be brought to the school office.

At 3:10 pm the green gates are unlocked by a member of staff and parents collecting pupils may assemble at the road end of the playground. Children will be dismissed by a member of staff at 3:20pm. Please do not allow children to scoot or cycle on the playground as this is dangerous to little siblings and grown-ups too. Also, children should not go on the wooden apparatus at these times.

Keeping in touch & Sickness

Mrs Willcocks works Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Cronin works Tuesday to Friday in the school office. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please may we remind you to call the office and leave a message or send an email before 8:30 am on the first day of absence.

At this time of year, please may we remind you that if a child is sick, actually vomits, or has diarrhoea, that they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. Children sent to school having been sick will be sent home. This reduces the risk of the illness passing to other children. Thank you

PTA

The first PTA meeting of the school year will be held at **7:00pm at the British Legion opposite the Crown pub.**

The magnificent work that the PTA does for the school is forms an absolutely essential part of the provision that we are able to offer our children. Without their contribution, many of the opportunities that we are fortunate to be able to provide would not be possible. I strongly encourage you to attend if you are able and look forward to seeing you all there.



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Diary Dates
(New dates in **Bold**)

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
September 2019			
Tue 10 th – 9:30am	11+ Practice Paper	School Hall	Year 6
Wed 11 th - 7:00pm	Welcome Presentation	School Hall	Everyone
Thurs 12 th – 9:30am	11+ Paper	School Hall	Year 6
Thurs 12 th – 3:00pm	Reception Meet the Teacher	Reception	Reception parents
Fri 13 th – 3:00pm	Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher	Year 1 and 2	Year 1/2 parents
Mon 16 th – All Day	SEND Appointments with Mrs Brant (Inclusion Lead)	Retreat Room	All parents
Mon 16 th – 3:00pm	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher	Year 5/6	Year 5/6 parents
Tues 17 th – 9:30am	New Parent Tour	Whole School	Prospective parents
Tues 17 th – 3:00pm	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher	Year 3/4	Year 3/4 parents
Wed 25 th – 7:00pm	PTA Meeting	British Legion (opposite the Crown)	EVERYONE!
Mon 30 th – 9:30am	New Parent Tour	Whole School	Prospective parents
October 2019			
Mon 21 st – 3:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	All Classes
Tues 22 nd – 3:30-5:30pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	All Classes
November 2019			
Fri 8 th – 9:30am	New Parent Tour plus stay and play for prospective children	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Mon 11 th – 9:30am	Remembrance Service	School Hall	Everyone
Tues 12 th - 9:30am	English Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
Tues 26 th – 9:30am	Maths Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
December 2019			
Mon 2 nd – 9:30am	New Parent Tour	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Tues 10 th 9:30am	Nativity	School Hall	Reception and 1/2 Parents
Weds 11 th	Christmas Afternoon	School Hall and classrooms	Whole School
Mon 16 th – 12:05pm	Reception and 1/2 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Reception and 1/2
Tues 17 th – 12:05pm	Year 3/4 and 5/6 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Year 3/4 and 5/6
Tues 17 th - 1:00pm	Reception and Year 1/2 trip to Norden Farm	Offsite	Reception and 1/2
Thurs 19 th – 12:45pm	School Carol Concert	School Hall	Everyone



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