



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers,

What an amazing first few days we have had to the start of the term. The children have settled well into their new year groups. It has been lovely for me to walk around and see the learning that is already happening in the classrooms.

Thank you to the many parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. I hope you found it useful and it has prepared you for what your child will be doing and learning about in the year ahead. Your child/children's class teacher will keep you updated with regular class newsletters, as well as an overview of the termly curriculum and exciting topic learning that will be taking place.

This term's value is 'Kindness'. This is linked with the value of Generosity, which fits in well with our harvest season of giving.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lynda Cowler

House Captains

We have introduced House and Vice Captains. House points will be awarded on a Friday in our Celebration Assemblies

	Ruby	Emerald	Amber	Sapphire
House Captains	 Cameron	 Joshua	 Alice	 Damore
Vice Captain	Phoebe R	Evelyn	Mia	Ethan

Value Leaves

Children will now be awarded a 'Value Leaf' in the moment. A leaf may be given in class, on the playground or by a member of staff. Children can also be recommended a leaf by another child who was noticed them displaying one of the values. The leaves given will be celebrated in class and displayed on the class Values Tree: The Oak, Willow and Ash. Every leaf is a different colour according to the value, so it will clearly show the children what Value they need to work on more in their class.

When your child is awarded a leaf, they will also be given a sticker, this is to show you their achievement and for you to please ask them why they have been awarded a leaf. We want our children to start taking more ownership, by sharing in the discussion of our important Values with you.

When a class has collected 30 leaves on their tree, they will be awarded a 'Golden Apple' for their class tree in our Celebration assembly. We hope this will teach the children the Value of 'Co-operation' and working together as a team.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is up and running. Children from R – Yr 4 are welcome to come along from 7.45am – 8.45am where they can have breakfast (cereal or toast) at a cost of £5.00 per morning. If you wish to book a space for your child/children then please speak to the office staff.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners are **£2.50 daily for Nursery Children and Oak Class**. This can be paid via the School Gateway.

Free School Meals

Please Apply – even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2!

The Government use Free School Meal numbers to allocate additional funding for schools – this is called the Pupil Premium Grant. It is worth an additional £1300 per qualifying pupil in school – money we use to purchase resources and specialist support. There is a link on our website to apply for Free School Meals – **please apply – even if you think you will not qualify and even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**. It is an entitlement, not a benefit. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

NUTS IN SCHOOL:

Please make sure your children do not bring food containing nuts or Sesame Seeds into school, due to some children having severe allergies. This includes home packed lunches. Thank you.

Healthy Snack

The school provides a healthy snack of fruit for all children at break time.

Please do not send a snack in with your child/children.

Weather

As the weather is very changeable at the moment, please ensure your child/children wear suitable clothing for the day. **If it is sunny, please send your children in to school with sun cream already applied and a sun hat.**

Absence Procedure

For **planned** absence, please complete a Leave of Absence form (available from the office). This should be returned to school no less than 2 weeks before the planned absence.

For **unplanned absence** (illness etc.), please ensure you have called the school office by 9.30am to let us know. You should call the school office on each day that your child is absent, unless asked otherwise. Please do not assume that we know where your child is. This should always be followed by a written explanation on their return. You can also use the School Gateway App to provide an explanation. If medical evidence is available, please also provide this. For children with attendance below 95%, our policy is to have written confirmation in order to authorize.

Additional Diary Dates.

September 2019

Thursday 19th

Jeans for Genes Day