

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

What a delight it has been to welcome your children back to school this week. I have really enjoyed spending time with them on the playground and saying hello in their classrooms. It has also been lovely to have the chance to chat to many of you around the site at the beginning and end of the day.

As we have returned to school we have started to think about our Value for September, Service. In Collective Worship on Monday, we played a game involving Maltesers, a paper cup and a tape measure – do ask your children! The game made everyone laugh, which helped us all to remember that Service is not the same as drudgery, it can actually be a lot of fun.

I challenged your children to think of ways that they can show acts of service around their homes in the coming months – I will be reminding them of the challenge as we travel through the month!

In the weeks to come I look forward to sharing with you the things we will be thinking about in Collective Worship, as well as the learning that is taking place around the school. Immediately after school on Tuesday of next week (9th September) we will be holding our 'Open Classrooms'. If you are around at pick up time, do take the opportunity to drop into your child's classroom, have a look at where they sit and put a face to the name of their teacher. Please don't worry if you don't pick up, we will be holding parents' evenings later this term, which will give you a chance to meet your child's class teacher(s).

Remember that we have an open-door policy. If ever you have any concerns about your child's day to day experience, or their learning, please speak to your child's class teacher – if it is a quick query they will happily chat on the door; if you need a longer chat, they can make an appointment for that. The admin team are always happy to deal with more general enquiries and can make appointments for you to speak to other staff where that is appropriate. Please don't sit on any worries, the team would much rather talk them through with you.

This year, rather than sending out individual letters from each year group, we are sending out all the information you need within this newsletter. Please do read on for helpful information about the running of the week, including PE days. If you want to find out more about our curriculum and what your children will be learning, the information is on our website. As term gets underway we will be updating our website with class news, so check back in a couple of weeks to find out more.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

PE timetable – children wear PE kit to school

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday	PE day				PE day	
Tuesday	PE day					PE day
Wednesday		PE day	PE day	PE day	PE day	
Thursday		PE day		PE day		
Friday			PE day			PE day

Reception	Mrs Rump (Early Years Lead) Mrs Lee, Mrs Noel	Mrs James (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs O'Connor (Thursday and Friday) Mrs Clarke, Mrs Cox, Mrs King, Mrs Noel
Year 1	Miss Hallowell Mrs Gillitt	Miss Hinkins Miss K
Year 2	Mrs Castree (Monday – Thursday) Mrs Reynolds (Friday) Mrs Diliberto, Mrs Silverwood, Mrs Urquhart	Mrs Piper Mrs Clarke, Mrs Silverwood, Mrs Sollis
Year 3	Mrs Hayes Mrs Knipe, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Pontin	Mrs Gustafson (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Parry (Thursday and Friday) Mrs Jordan, Mrs Plissi
Year 4	Mrs Krull (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) Mrs Raven (Thursday) Mrs Khan, Mrs Smith	Mrs Mallon (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) Mrs Rowlands (Wednesday and Thursday) Mrs Pontin, Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Steele
Year 5	Mr Hope (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Raven (Friday) Mrs Senter	Mr Walker Mrs Bishop, Mrs Channer, Mrs Hitchman, Mrs Khan
Year 6	Miss Fletcher (Monday to Wednesday) Mr Brown (Thursday and Friday) Mrs Graves, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Wilson	Mrs Powell (Monday to Wednesday) Miss Main (Thursday and Friday) Mrs Bishop, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Wheeler
SENCO	Mrs Henderson	
Assistant Head	Miss Main	

New Lunchtime staff

On the playground and in the hall your children are looked after by our lunchtime staff.

This term we have welcomed two new people to our lunchtime team, Mrs Bordoni and Mrs Beechey.

In the kitchen, we have a new chef – Carrie. Carrie has big shoes to fill, but she is already settling in and getting to know your children.

Lunchtime is from 12 until 1pm.

Dates for your diary

Ancient Greece Day (Year 5) – 16th September

Trip to Cogges Farm (Reception) – 30th September

Flu immunisations (All children) – 1st October

Quinta residential (Year 6) – 6th to 10th October

Half-term week – 27th to 31st October

INSET day – Monday 3rd October

RE and Art week (All children) – 10th – 14th November

Pantomime (Years 1 – 6) – 18th December

End of term – 1:30pm Friday 19th December

Snacks

Children find the school day hungry work!

Please make sure that whatever year group your child is in, you send them in with snacks!

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit each day, but they need another snack too.

Snacks should be healthy (no crisps or chocolate), we recommend fruit, vegetables, cereal bar, crackers, cheese, breadsticks, or even a sandwich if you know your child gets particularly hungry.

Please remember that owing to some very serious allergies within the school you must not send your children in with any nuts, or products that contain nuts.

Children also need a water bottle in school, it should contain just water and will be refilled as necessary.

Dressing up

Our youngest children are looking for some new items for their dressing up corner.

If you have any hats, scarves or chunky necklaces that you think the children would enjoy using as part of their role play, please do drop them in to the office. Thank you.

Homework

Year 5 homework will be sent home on Fridays and is due back in school the following Friday.

Year 4 homework will be sent home on Fridays and is due back in school on Wednesday.

Head lice

We strongly recommend that children with long hair keep it tied back when they are in school.

Please do check your children's hair and treat any lice or eggs that you find.

School Uniform

Your children all looked very smart as they returned to school this week.

Please remember that our school uniform is grey trousers, shorts, skirts and white polo shirts. Children should also have a red jumper/cardigan with a school logo. Do speak to the office if you want to enquire about second hand uniform.

On PE days, children can wear trainers to school, as part of their PE kit (please no flashing lights). On all other days, children should wear black school shoes. We no longer expect children to change their shoes for playtimes, so they do not need a second pair of shoes in school. If you have already bought shoes and they are not black school shoes, please don't worry, but we would ask that the next time you buy shoes, you buy black.

Don't forget to label all items of school uniform and lunch boxes/water bottles – it is very hard to reunite children with lost items if they are not named.

After school

We have lots of children accessing our wrap around provision after school. They all need a good run around to let off energy at the end of the school day. We would therefore ask that everyone else leaves the school site as quickly as possible at the end of the day so that the children in ABC can come out to play. Gates are locked at 3.35 so please make your way off site by then. Thank you.

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community**