



Dear Families,

Welcome back!

I do hope that you all have had a restful, fun-packed summer break! I would like to warmly welcome all of our new children and families as they begin an exciting educational journey with us in what now can be described as a complete two form of entry Primary School.

This summer holiday has been slightly quieter than usual. We now have a fully equipped Year 6 Gates Class and the Key Stage 1 toilets have been completely refurbished and replaced with new cubicles, sinks and tiles. We have appointed Mrs Dickson as our lunchtime Play Leader who will be working closely with Mrs van Manen, Mrs Christopherson and the midday supervisory team in developing lunchtime play zones for the children to enjoy. Play zones will include both creative, physical and problem solving activities for the children to access.

A warm welcome

I would personally like to extend a warm William Morris welcome to Mrs Schulerberg (Gates Class), Mr Connolly (Attenborough Class), Mr Hall (Presley Class) and Miss Byrne (Farah Class) as newly appointed class teachers. I would also like to welcome Miss Dunn, our newly appointed Higher Level Teaching Assistant, and Miss Bain, our newly appointed teaching assistant in the Nursery. I would also like to welcome Mrs Reed our Federated Family Support Worker.

I am really looking forward to working with all of these staff and I wish them all a wonderful, successful experience with us.

Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl

Our newly elected team are:

Head Boy: **Taylor Taiwo**

Head Girl: **Liv Reveilleau**

Deputy Head Boy: **Wisdom Ayeni**

Deputy Head Girl:



Deputy Head Girl: **Paulina Zukowska**

Communication

Please be aware that it is important that we have the correct contact details for you and that you have registered with ParentMail. Most communication will be facilitated by Mrs Davies using our ParentMail system. One of the communications that will come via the book bag will be the Newsletter which of course is also available on our website too.

We recommend that you download the free ParentMail app for instant notification of ParentMail communications from the school.

We hope that you feel that this will support your understanding of what happens on a daily basis in a very busy, vibrant school.

Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's personal, social, academic or physical development then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you feel that you require further assistance with any matter then please make an appointment to see either of the Assistant Headteachers who are Mrs Smith in the Foundation Stage and Miss Masters for Years 1 and 2. Miss Holliday will have direct responsibility for Years 3 and 4 and Miss Thomas will have direct responsibility for Years 5 and 6. If you still require further assistance please contact Mrs van Manen our Associate Headteacher or myself.

We would prefer that you came to see us as soon as a concern arises so that we can respond immediately to support a successful solution. The office team will be available in the school office to answer any immediate queries and will also be able to make appointments for you with our staff.

Timetabled family consultations will take place in **November after the half-term holiday**.

Please do make sure that you check our Federated website on www.swmf.org.uk for up to date information regarding up and coming school events and Federated successes.

Main events/dates for this term will be available to you all by the end of this week.

Extra-curricular activities

All extra-curricular activities start the week beginning **18th September**. You will receive a form in the next few days detailing the choices for your child.

PE kits and uniform

Please do make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day of the week ready for washing at weekends. Your child must be dressed in a smart school uniform every day leaving hoodies and brightly coloured jumpers/cardigans at home. Trainers are to be worn for PE lessons only so please make sure your child is wearing shoes on a daily basis. Trainers may be changed into for lunchtime play if necessary. Please do support your child in their organisation of resources for the school day to avoid any unnecessary upset because of regular reminders from staff.



Dear Families,

Online homework (Mathletics)

Please be aware that you will all soon be receiving details about our newly revised online homework plan for this academic year. You will all have the opportunity of working more closely with your child in completing Mathematics tasks with your child that match exactly what the children are learning in the classroom with much improved access and challenge.

Information sent to you via Parent-Mail will include your child's specific password and instructions for access. We can't wait to launch this new programme and we welcome your feedback.

School Lunches

Please remember that the cost of school lunches has now increased to £2.00 per child per day. This can be paid daily, weekly or monthly. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive Universal Free School Meals under the Government scheme. Payment for lunches can be made in cash via the post box in the office or via bank transfer. Please speak with a member of the office team if you have any questions.



Reviewing our Behaviour For Learning Management Strategies

This September all staff have been involved in a review of our behaviour management strategies which we launched last year.

As part of this review we have developed a series of progressive sanctions as well as reviewing how we celebrate and reward excellent behaviour choices. **Our Choices** that we expect all children to adhere to have been revisited and consist of the following:

- we will take responsibility for everything we say and do
- we will strive to be the best we can be
- we will enjoy and embrace our experiences
- we will be proud of ours, and others', achievements
- we will listen to others
- we will look after each other, the school and resources
- we will learn from our mistakes and never give up
- we will ask for help if we need it

We will be reminding the children of these expectations and rewarding the children every time they follow Our Choices consistently. The following rewards will continue to support the choices our children make:

- verbal praise
- visiting a member of the Senior Leadership Team to share and celebrate the excellent behaviour choices
- receiving an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker/certificate from either Mrs van Manen or Mrs Bull
- receiving a 'WOW card' from the classteacher/teaching assistant
- additional minutes at play-time/lunchtime, lining up first etc.

Our school website will include information about the children who receive 'WOW cards' or achievement certificates. Please do check this weekly.

If your child's choices concern us we want to make you as fully aware and as involved as possible.

It is our priority to maintain a consistent approach to managing our high expectations of behaviour both at school and at home in partnership with you.

Mrs N Bull