



Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you all had a lovely summer break, wherever your travels took you. Staff and I have very much enjoyed welcoming all the children back into this school this morning. It is lovely to be greeted by so many happy, smiling faces at the gates. There are always a few adults available to greet children at the gates at the start and end of the day, you can't miss us (we are in high-vis jackets) – please do come and say hello and introduce yourselves.

It was wonderful to meet so many of our new Reception parents in our 'Community Room' this morning. We know the first day back to school, whether you are new, or returning can bring a range of emotions, but we can assure you that when Mrs Poole and I visited the children around the school, everyone had settled into their first day very well.

The term ahead as always has a packed and engaging curriculum planned by colleagues. Staff will share curriculum maps soon, and you will be notified of any planned upcoming visits, workshops or launch days. If you haven't yet had a chance to look at some of last term's school events, the photos can be found here:

<https://www.woodstock.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=3&gcatid=1>

Start and End of Day Procedures

We are always impressed at how well the children come into school each morning independently. Saying goodbye to parents at the gates allows the school day to start quickly and efficiently. This enables us to maximise learning time. Even our youngest children have shown how independent they can be in coming into school and getting settled this morning. All our entrance/exit gates are numbered. A reminder of timings and procedures is below:

	Morning Drop Off		Afternoon Collection	
	Time	Gate	Time	Gate
Nursery	8.30am	Main Gate (1&2) to Nursery Door	3.15pm	Main Gate to Nursery Door
Reception Bumblebees	8.35am	Main Gate (1&2) to Front Reception Door	3.10pm	Reception Back Door (follow path round back of school through KS1 Playground)
Reception Ladybirds	8.35am	Main Gate (1&2) to Front Reception Door	3.10pm	Reception Front Door
KS1: Years 1&2	8.35am	Main Gate (1&2) to Blue KS1 gate (4) or New Side Gate (3) onto KS1 Playground and to appropriate phase entrances.	3.10pm	Key Stage 1 Playground
KS2 Years 3&4 Nightingales	8.35am		3.10pm	Years 3&4 Main Entrance
KS2 Years 3&4 Kingfishers	8.35am		3.10pm	Kingfishers Classroom Exit Door (old Key Stage 1 playground)
KS2 Years 3&4 Woodpeckers	8.35am		3.10pm	Woodpeckers Classroom Exit Door (old Key Stage 1 playground)
KS2 Years 5&6	8.35am		3.10pm	Main Years 5&6 Entrance

Please do note that the school day begins at 8.40am therefore all gates will be locked promptly at this time. After this time, children will need to come into school via the main office, sign in and order lunch with the office team.

Parent & School Agreement

Before the end of the summer term we sent out our Parent & School Agreement with pupil reports which outlined our expectations with regards to uniform, attendance and medical appointments. We are delighted to see so many children looking very smart in their uniforms this morning. Whilst most children have followed our agreed expectations, we did notice a few children with white soled trainers, brightly coloured socks and hair below shoulder length which was not tied back. We do encourage all children to follow these expectations outlined please.

Looking forward to working with you and getting to know all of our families over the forthcoming year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Anne Hipwell
Headteacher

Safeguarding Children Updates

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email :

safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families

The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click [here](#)

The Safeguarding Network: click [here](#)

