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NEWSLETTER
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Congratulations to the following children this week:

STARS OF THE WEEK



Kestrels Class:	Jack
Ravens Class:	Amelia
Robins Class:	Alfie
Falcons Class:	Riley

**SUPERSTAR LEARNER OF
THE WEEK**



Kestrels Class:	Bobby
Ravens Class:	Sophie
Robins Class:	Harley
Falcons Class:	Kaiden

Enjoy and Achieve – Aiming High

Wow! What an amazing start to the term we have had! All of the children should be really proud of the way they have settled in to their new classes and for the positive attitude they are bringing to their learning.

Here are a few pictures of our new Reception children. They have made an impressive transition from Nursery to Reception:





Covid Update

The children and staff are no longer organised in separate bubbles, and we have been enjoying the opportunity to mix again. Clearly, however, we do still need to take precautions and so the children are still being given time to wash their hands frequently. Extra cleaning is also still in place to minimise transmission of the virus.

If your child shows any of the three main symptoms of Covid (high temperature, new persistent cough, loss/change of taste or smell), your child must NOT come to school. Please book a PCR test as soon as possible and inform school of the result.

Your child will no longer be required to self-isolate if they have been in contact with someone else who tests positive, and should attend school as usual, but you will also be advised to organise a PCR test as a precaution.

Please be aware that if the virus rate increases significantly or if we have an outbreak of positive cases, we may be required to reinstate some of the measures we had in place last year. We will keep parents and carers informed of any developments via the app.

Meet the Teacher – Introductory Meetings for Parents and Carers

Now that we can meet face-to-face again, we would like to invite all parents and carers to attend an introductory meeting with your child's teacher. The purpose will be to see the standards of work that are expected in your child's year group, the teaching methods being used, and to hear about routines such as homework and reading that we hope you will be able to support your child with this year. Most importantly, it's an opportunity to get to know you better.

In Key Stage 2, the children will be present, and so the meetings will be held in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st September at 9:00am
Thursday 23rd September at 9:00am
Thursday 23rd September at 3:00pm

Robins Class (Mrs Madden)
Ravens Class (Mr Smith)
Falcons Class (Mr Fletcher)

The Reception and Key Stage 1 meetings will on the following dates in the Infant Hall:

Monday 20th September at 9:00am
Thursday 30th September at 9:00am

Kestrels Class (Mrs Shone)
Deer Class (Miss Binks/Mrs Pearson)

Snack

A reminder that if you wish your child to have snack, the charge for the half term is £7 and should be made as a single payment to the school office. Alternatively, you may provide your child with a piece of fruit from home. (NB no other items are allowed.)

Breakfast Club

It's been lovely to see so many children in Breakfast Club this term and they have behaved very well. We have gone back to having infants and juniors together in the Dining Room, which gives the older and younger children the opportunity to see each other before the school day begins.

No booking is required for Breakfast Club and we do not charge for it. The children understand, however, that we expect the same standards of behaviour as during the school day, and that they can be banned from attending if necessary.

Handover at 3:00pm

If someone different to usual will be picking up your child from school, please ensure that you contact the school office before the end of the day and give the name of the person who will be coming so that we can be sure to hand over your child to the correct person. As a safeguarding measure, if we haven't heard from you, we will always make a phone call to you before handing your child over to an unknown person.

Communication

Please remember to provide us with any updates of contact numbers so that we can adjust your child's record, and ensure that you have downloaded the school app so that you don't miss essential communication. We now send out most letters electronically rather than on paper, and important messages are usually sent out as push notifications on the app. (Text messages are expensive, whereas the push notifications are free to the school!)

If you have any difficulty with the app, Mrs Shanks (Office Manager) will do her best to help you.

Parents Evenings

We will hope to hold parents' evenings in person this year. The dates for the autumn term consultations are:

- Tuesday 19th October 2021
- Wednesday 20th October 2021

Please put the dates in your diary. You will be given the opportunity to select a time slot nearer the time.