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September 2021

Welcome back! It's been a wonderful start to our new term and the sunshine this week added to our feelings of joy. We are so impressed with how well the children have settled back into their new classes. It's also lovely to be able to be all together again in the playground and for collective worship.

The Reception children have enjoyed being part of the big school and have eating lunch with everyone else.



There is lots of learning and exciting events ahead of us this year. The week of the 27th September will be our class information evenings these will held virtually, parent consultations will take place just before half term and we will offer both in person and zoom meetings. Further details to follow.

Drop off and pick up

We are delighted to have everyone back on the school site, as it's it's been a while since we've all done it please can I remind of you of the following:

Parking- the local roads can be very busy, please park considerately for our neighbours and remember the library are happy for us to use their car park.

Bikes and scooters- to avoid accidents please walk bikes and scooters through the site and not ride them. They can be left safely in the area between the pre-school gate and the Birtley Road gate.

Equipment- please do not allow your children and younger siblings to play with the equipment or on the trim trail. Staff will have set up the activities for the day's learning. Mr Mitchell has also marked out a walk way around the Reception area for you to use.

Worship team

Today we welcomed our new worship team. With Mrs Voller's help they will model our school's vision and values, help the children understand the key messages from collective worship, plan and lead some sessions and listen to the rest of the school's views on how collective worship can be improved.

We look forward to working with them.



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Value: Friendship

This half term we will focus on the value of friendship. Already we have shared the story of David and Jonathon from the Bible and My Friend Harry by Kim Lewis.

If you would like to explore these values at home we have created a 'values at home' guide. You will receive a copy of it with this newsletter, it is also available on our website.

Vision: Seek within

One of our vision statements is 'seek within'. On our INSET day staff explored what this might mean for all the adults in the school and within collective worship the Year 1 and 2 children spoke about what it means to them. Henry L told us that he feels it links well to our value of perseverance and reminds him he can keep going if things are difficult.

New staff

This term we welcome 3 new members of staff.



Mrs Varley is based in Reception and will be in school all day on Tuesday and Wednesdays and on a Thursday afternoon.



Mrs Fosbery is our midday supervisor and also our forest school assistant. She is in school every day.



Mrs Henderson is our finance assistant and is also responsible for the nursery and pre-school admissions and admin. She is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Visiting classrooms

For families in the main school (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) There will be regular opportunities to explore your child's classroom with them each term. The classroom will be open from 3.05pm-3.20pm every Monday. In order to meet our COVID regulations there will be space for 5 families available each week. Please sign up on the sheet available outside the classroom. To ensure everyone can visit we ask you only sign up for 1 session each term. The first session will be the **20th September**.

Please note this is an opportunity for your child to show you the classroom and explain some of their learning, it is not for parental consultations with the classteacher.

For Nursery and Pre-School you will be able to visit your child's class with them on either a Tuesday or a Friday from 8.45am-9am. These visits will begin **after half term** in order to allow us time to settle all our new joiners.

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Dates for your diary:

27th September Year 1 Information evening 6pm via zoom (link to be sent on 24/9)

28th September Reception Information evening 6pm via zoom (link to be sent on 24/9)

29th September Year 2 Information evening 6pm via zoom (link to be sent on 24/9)

30th September Pre-School Information evening 6pm via zoom (link to be sent on 24/9)

22nd October INSET day- school closed to all children

25th -29th October Half term

17th December End of term 1.15pm

4th January INSET day-school closed to all children

5th January Spring term begins

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