

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. It was especially lovely to come back to school this year with our wonderful new uniform along with the exciting building work that has taken place over the holidays. Please read on for updates, reminders and useful information.

Uniform

Tuesday morning saw a sea of green in our welcome assembly. With Year one to year six in the hall together, it really was a treat for the eyes to see our new vibrantly coloured uniform on display. I hope you agree that the colour looks amazing and has somehow lifted and brightened the whole building. Thank you so much for supporting us with this and having your children look so smart, tidy and eager to learn. We are all so proud to be a part of this community.

Please remember to label all items of uniform. I also ask that girls do not wear the large fashion bows in their hair as they do cause a distraction in class and can be difficult to see over in assembly! Our uniform policy is available to view on our school website.

New build Update

It may not look like a great deal has happened over the summer, but believe me, a great deal has been achieved with up to 45 workmen on site and many working throughout the weekend to ensure the school was ready for the children. The school has been completely rewired and a brand new boiler system has been installed. A brand new food technology room is almost complete and a new classroom has been tucked in next to the hall. Work has also started on our much needed toilet block.

The main new build to the front of school has the foundation brickwork in place and the concrete base has gone in today! The building should really start to progress now and should quickly rise over the coming weeks.

Our thanks go to Conlon construction, all of the contractors as well as to our own team of cleaners who pulled out all the stops to make the school 'ready' to receive the children on Tuesday.

Trafford College Partnership

We have invited South Trafford Community College to work in partnership with us this year to provide some exciting courses for parents. Many of these can be accessed free of charge so please sign up and come along. The first course to run, Page Turners, is for 3 weeks and will help parents support their children with reading. A five week course will run from the end of October, Keeping Up With The Kids and this will support parents in helping to improve writing for their child. Please do come along and get involved!

PTFA Coffee Morning and AGM

The PTFA will be holding an informal coffee morning on Wednesday 13th September at 9am in the dining hall for parents who are new to our school. This will be an opportunity for you to come and get to know the committee and meet other new parents.

At 7-8pm on Wed 13th September the PTFA will be holding their AGM all parents are welcome.

Walking Bus

The walking Bus has started once again so please feel free to drop your children off each morning outside the gym next to Waitrose. We meet at 8:40 and set off on our short walk to school at 8:45. We are very short of parent helpers so please let the school office know if you could spare some time to walk with us.

KS1 Fruit

Each morning every child from Nursery class to Year 2 receives a piece of fruit. We would really appreciate some parental help with washing the fruit and distributing it to classes. If you could help for just one morning a week then please inform the office and we will add you to our very depleted rota.

New Staff

I am delighted to welcome four new members to our dedicated teaching team. We have Miss Daniel and Miss Wild in Year 1, Mrs Bainton in Year 3 and Miss Coe in Year 5. I know they are all incredibly excited to be working with your children. I know that they have worked very hard over the summer to prepare their classrooms and I am certain they will be very happy here.

Expectations

We continue to maintain high expectations for all of our children in terms of behaviour, attainment and attitude to learning. We will shortly send you a home-school agreement and ask that you talk through this with your child. Please sign and return this to the class teacher.

New Website

I hope you have had the opportunity to look at our new school website. We will be updating this as the year progresses with more information which you may find useful so keep on browsing!

Sport clubs

Once again we are delighted with the level of interest that the children are taking in our additional sporting activities before and after school, please do have a look on Parent Pay should you wish for your child to take part.

Class Dojo

As a school we are passionate about encouraging children using positive feedback. We use Class Dojo to support this ethos and encourage school values. Class dojo is a reward and message system that can be used by the teacher to keep you informed. Our teachers want to keep parents in the loop! Parents may also use it to send messages of praise and encouragement for their child or simply to keep the teacher informed about relevant issues. Research shows that children make greater progress when parents take an interest in their work and Class Dojo is one way of assisting this. It is a communication tool and should always be used positively and in the best interests of all children. This is not a tool to make a complaint, negative or personal comments and any misuse will result in account closure by the school. Serious concerns are always best dealt with on a more personal basis. We believe that we have very supportive parents, indeed we pride ourselves in upholding strong and lasting relationships. For this reason we will always endeavour to answer any pupil related questions raised through this system as soon as possible during our teaching days. Please sign up to enjoy the benefits of this system.

Please remember, if you have any concerns then do not hesitate to come in and speak to a member of our staff who will be pleased to assist you. Members of our leadership team and I continue to stand outside to welcome children each morning and we are always happy to help wherever we can.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead, please see the calendar of events and make a special note of the parent workshops available for you to attend this term.

Yours sincerely