



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This first week back has been a really exciting and busy one at school, and I want to say well done to everyone. As well as meeting new teachers, teaching assistants, classmates and new classrooms the children have all been making a great start to their learning. In Foundation stage the children have been settling in to their new groups having started coming in last week, and in Years 1 to 6 all the classes have started their new projects with a special launch event this week! In Years 5 & 6 the children had a day thinking about what intelligence is, and did lots of different activities with different teachers to find out what some of their own special intelligences are. In Years 3 & 4 everyone dressed up as comic book characters, and they had a visit from a real comic book illustrator to launch their project. In Years 1 & 2 the children will be learning about differences and what makes us each special, and they have all dressed up in their own special party clothes this afternoon to celebrate! Your children's teachers will be writing to you to let you know more about the learning for the coming term, and I do hope you will be able to join in at home and see what the children have been doing in school towards the end of term.

Welcome to our new members of staff: Miss Garland, Miss Morris, Miss O'Connell, Miss Wilde, Miss Hiner, who join us as teaching assistants; Miss Barton, Ms Carter, Mrs Hayward, Miss McCaffrey, Miss Vyas who join us as teachers, and Mrs Taylor who is returning as a specialist reading teacher in key stage 1.

Here is a reminder of class names and teachers for the year:

Early Years Foundation Stage (F1)	Year 1 and 2 Team Leader: Mrs Pugh	Year 3 and 4 Team Leader: Miss Vincent	Year 5 & 6 Team Leader: Mrs McMahon
Kate Hall's group	Y1 Foxes Mrs Hayward	Year 3 Hedgehogs Miss McCaffrey	Year 5 Kestrels Miss Barton
Sital Vyas' group	Y1 & 2 Badgers Mrs Pugh	Year 3 & 4 Dragonflies Miss Boyd	Year 5 & 6 Otters Mrs Shama
Marion Reynolds' group	Y2 Squirrels Mrs Forth	Year 4 Owls Miss Vincent	Year 6 Red Kites Mrs McMahon
			Year 6 Kingfishers Ms Farr

Mrs Pugh is the co-ordinator of Foundation Stage and Y1 and 2, and Mrs McMahon the co-ordinator for Years 3 - 6. They will be happy to talk to you about your child's learning at any point, although it is always best to chat to your child's teacher first.

Thank you to everyone for helping the change in the school finish time happen so smoothly. We really appreciate the children being collected promptly at the end of school day, as it is upsetting for children if they have to wait a long time for someone to arrive.

After school club news: during the summer the school carried on putting together our application to the local authority to set up an after school club. We are now waiting for the authority's decision, which should come in the next few weeks. I'll let you know as soon as there are any developments.

Urgent - school dinner payments

We have been having some difficulties with payments for school dinners - probably as some parents and carers get back into the swing of school, or get used to new arrangements! Can I remind everyone of the following:

- Payments for school dinners **must be made in advance, and on Monday mornings only**. This means that if you want your child to have a cooked meal on one or two days in a week you need to decide in advance!
- Payment must be made in a **sealed envelope, with your child's name and class written on the outside**, with the days you are paying for marked clearly.
- Dinners cost £2.05 for one day
- One week in advance is £10.25
- Dinner every day this half term costs £69.70

Please note that we are not allowed to provide school lunch for children which you then pay for at a later date. Many thanks for your help with this.

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Dates for your diary:

- 21st September Dental adviser visiting F1, Y1 & Y2 children
- 22nd September **Meeting for Y6 Parents and Carers on Applying for Secondary School, in the Achievement Base, 9:00 am**
Parents of Y6 children please do come along if you can.
- 6th October School photographer taking portraits of children
- 8th October School closed for staff training
- 13th October Meeting and 'open hour' for Foundation Stage parents & carers, 5:00 pm
- 18th October Life Education bus visiting all week
- 22nd October End of Term 1
- 1st November Start of Term 2

I have been asked by our local police team to remind everyone about parking responsibly outside the school, and not stopping on junctions, zig-zag lines or obscuring entrances. They say they will be monitoring the parking around the school during the coming months and dealing seriously with any dangerous parking.

School Website and Partnership Website

We'll be updating some of the photos on our school website, and also on our school partnership website over the coming term. We like to include pictures of children (without any names) enjoying their learning on both websites, and when you enroll your child at the school you are asked to give your consent to this. If you are ever unhappy about a picture of your child on the web, or have particular concerns about your child being featured please do come and see me in confidence.

Finally, best wishes to all of our families and friends who will be celebrating Eid today or over the weekend, and best wishes for a restful weekend to everyone!

From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM HEADINGTON PARTNERSHIP EXTENDED SERVICES

WEBSITE SURVEY : Parenting and family learning

Over a year ago, some of you responded to a full Extended Services paper questionnaire. We would like to update this with some specific questions, as we plan our parenting and family learning programme for the year. The survey is on line, on the partnership website (www.headingtonpartnership.org.uk/index.html) with a link on the home page) and should really only take 5-10 minutes of your time. Please help us to provide what you need! The survey will be open until Friday 24 September.

AT SCIENCE OXFORD, 1-5 London Place, Oxford OX4 1BD tel : 01865 728953

Science Oxford Live's Greatest Hits: Food (a talk)

Thursday 23 September 7.30pm, tickets £5, SO Live Friends Free

The science behind a healthy diet. How can we eat healthily? In 2007 we welcomed Jeya Henry, one of the world's leading nutritionists, to help us cut through the conflicting messages. He will be back to update us on what we know about the benefits of different foods, from 5 a day to probiotic, prebiotic and organic.

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