



Tuesday 7th September 2021

Dear Families

I am delighted to welcome you back after the Summer break. I hope this newsletter finds you well, having enjoyed a wonderful summer and ready to be back together in our school community. I hope this year is the year Birdsedge First School will really shine and I feel so lucky to have all of you, amazing families, on board with me. Hopefully, this year means we will have far more opportunities to do that in person and we can't wait to be able to open our doors to families more. Check out the Community Update box for a reminder of some of the things we have planned for welcoming more families into school this half term. This week we will be helping children to settle back into school, establish any new routines in their classes and make sure everyone has a positive start to build on for the year ahead. Next week we will begin homework again - I will write to you separately to outline what this looks like for each class. Until then, once again, welcome back and sending a Happy School New Year to you all! Mrs. Waddington.

Covid 19 Updates

Although working more together as a whole school, instead of class bubbles, we will still remain vigilant and cautious in terms of Covid 19. We will continue to ensure good hygiene routines and a clear air flow through the school building is in place. We have a contingency plan in place should an outbreak occur and keep communication with families strong at every point. This plan and updated Risk Assessment is available on our website.

Community Update

From Wednesday 15th September – Tree Tots. Our free outdoor play sessions for children aged 2-4 and their parent/carer starts again every Wednesday 9:30am – 10:30am.

From Friday September 17th - Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm and parents of children mentioned will be invited to join us. At the end of each half term, classes will be presenting a class assembly for parents too.

Monday 27th September – Open Evening. I would love it if as many current families and children could join us for this. To talk to prospective parents and join in with demonstrations and fun activities. I will be leading some wake up shake up on the playground and we will have sports/activity workshops demonstrations to join in with.

Monday 4th October – Rhythm Time Sessions begin. 9.45am Toddlers (from walking) 10.30am Babies (birth to walking). Book now at www.rhythmtime.net/find-a-class

After School Clubs

From Next Week:

Monday – Art Club

Wednesday – Street Dance

Thursday - Multi Skills

Friday - Bush Craft

We have spaces in all clubs. Art Club is quite low in numbers and may not be able to run, we will confirm this with those registered.

Staffing Update

In July, our wonderful Mrs Kristi Saunders was successful in securing a full time Education Teaching Assistant post in another school within the Trust. We wish her well in her new venture and thank her for all her hard work and commitment to school during her part time role as Business Support Assistant. From this week, we welcome Mrs Tracy Metcalfe into the role and look forward to her continuing the amazing work she already does for school.

Attendance

I thank you for the excellent effort with attendance last year in a time of such challenge. Just a reminder that attendance target for all children is 96% and above, this will be monitored (and celebrated!) at the end of each half term.

PE

Children should return to bringing PE kits into school to change into from now on. If these can be brought in on Mondays, they will be stored in school and sent home every Friday.

Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

or

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

Friends of Birdsedge

Friends of Birdsedge Tuck Shops will be back on the following Fridays:

17th September, 15th October, 12th November

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

