



Birdsedge

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Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you all well and having enjoyed a wonderful family summer. The weather, rest and time with family and friends has totally filled by heart and I feel totally recharged ready for school re-opening next week.

I really was excited to sit down and write my first letter to families for the new school year. I am so looking forward to being back and working with you all from next week and we cannot wait to welcome your children to a brand new Birdsedge BEST term. Our transition week during the final week of the summer term was such an investment and I hope children are looking forward to returning to their teams we helped them build in July. I am sure we will be hitting the ground running from Tuesday next week and look forward to seeing children take off where they left in the summer with their brilliant attitudes and behaviours.

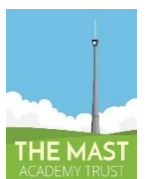
Although lots of rest has been had, as ever, I cannot completely sit still during a summer break and it has been a busy summer here at Birdsedge First. We have had incredible support from The Mast through our Site Team and school is looking bright and fresh with redecoration of all areas now complete. In this booklet are some really positive updates for school - I hope you will enjoy reading them.

On Monday one thing teachers and I will be working on is the development of our wider curriculum. This will include a plan of trips for the year ahead to enhance learning experiences. Watch out for my September newsletter coming out in week 2 with more details ☺

School re-opens for children on Tuesday next week (6th September) but until then I wish you all a lovely weekend. See you soon!

Thank you for your continued support, as always.

Mrs D Waddington.
Headteacher



Back to School

Just a reminder of the return to school arrangements for new Reception children:



Tuesday 6th: Morning Visit 9:30am – 11:30am

Wednesday 7th: Half Day Visit 8:45am – 12:30pm

Thursday 8th: Full Day 8:45am – 3:30pm

School Lunches and Snacks



MENU CYCLE WEEK ONE

	VEGETARIAN MONDAY	AROUND THE WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	CLASSIC THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Italian Quorn Meatball Pasta Bake	Chicken Tikka Curry	Sliced Roast Gammon	Sausages & Mash	Fish Fingers
VEGETARIAN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Tikka	Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Sausages & Mash	Cheese & Onion Quiche
STARCHY FOOD	Baked Wedges	Wholegrain Rice	Roast Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Chips
VEGETABLE	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Diced Carrots & Swede Garden Peas	Broccoli	Baked Beans or Mushy Peas
DESSERT	A selection of home bakes, jelly and fresh fruit available daily.				
DAILY SNACK	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Beef Burger	Cheese Toastie	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Chicken Nuggets

An exciting update for food at Birdledge this school year. Over the summer, work has been done to reinstate the school kitchen so that our school meals will now all be cooked fresh onsite. The new menu is on the school website:

<https://birdledgefirst.org/parents/school-meals>

Our wonderful Friends of Birdledge Group will also be offering a weekly 'Snack Attack' Trolley at playtimes for all children to purchase healthy snacks

from if they wish. This will be every Wednesday and Thursday starting Wednesday 14th September. This will be listed as an item on parent pay.

Story Time



We love to read at Birdledge and we love it when families come and join us in school...so to combine the two we are starting this every week from **Thursday 15th September**. 3:15pm every day is story time for all children, each Thursday we are going to open our doors for families to join their child's class to listen to a story with

them. No pressure, no expectation, no requirement or booking needed. Just an open door invitation when you can make it.

Celebration Assembly



Another way we hope to increase opportunities for parents in school this year is with a change to our Friday Celebration Assembly. This will be every Friday at 9:05am and we invite any parents and carers to stay and join us for this. Again, there is no requirement or expectation, just an open invitation for anyone who can or wishes to stay. When your child does receive their letter, however, we will of course still notify you as before.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th September: School Reopens for children

Wednesday 14th September: Playtime Snack Attack Trolley begins (continuing every Wednesday and Thursday)

Thursday 15th September: 3:10pm Family Story Time begins, continuing every Thursday at 3:10pm

Friday 16th September: First Friday Celebration Assembly, continuing every Friday at 9:05am.

Thursday 20th October: FoB Spooky Disco - After School

Friday 21st October: Last Day of Autumn Term 1 before the Half Term Break

Marks and Spencer Competition



This was shared with me during the holidays. Anyone with a Marks and Spencer Sparks Card can nominate a school to win a training masterclass.

Worth a try!



FOB fundraising 21/22





New collaborative workspace for staff, visitors and families.



Our 'Neil Armstrong' Provision Room for support and intervention at every level for all children who need it.



Reading Area with everything you need to cosy up with a good book!

Community Room redecorated and carpeted with better spaces for play.