

Monday 12th September 2021

'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3: 18



A very warm welcome back to the new term. The children have arrived looking very smart and appeared very settled for the new term ahead.

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new families joining us this term.

For our new families; the newsletter gives vital information about your child, their learning and our school. It is our main line of communication with parents. They are sent via email on the 'Teachers2Parents' system. They are also available to

read on the school website.

Please note: The Teachers2Parents/School Money system do not have a reply/contact school function if you have any queries.

Staffing update

We welcome this term, Miss Gardner, our new teaching assistant, who will be supporting teaching and learning across Oak and Maple class.

We welcome Mr Scott, who works for the Lancashire Music service. He will be teaching Ukulele to the children and staff in Willow class.

Finally, we welcome the team from Jam Coding who will be delivering parts of the computing curriculum to Oak and Maple this term, then Willow and Sycamore next half term. Jam Coding will be leading a Wednesday lunch time club aimed at key stage 2 children. A separate letter with details on how you can sign your child up for this club went home last week, please contact school if you need a copy.

Class	Class Teacher	Support Staff
Oak	Mrs Hunt	Mrs Leadbetter/ Mrs Chamberlain/ Miss Gardner
Maple	Mrs Casterton/ Mrs Smyth	Mrs Bennett/ Mrs Chamberlain/ Miss Gardner
Willow	Mrs Marston	Mrs Noblet / Mrs Westland/ Mr Marston
Sycamore	Mr Peters	Mr Marston/ Mrs Bennett

Parking

Please can we ask that you avoid parking on the double yellow lines outside the Alison Arms, and the zigzag lines outside school. Concerns have been reported to school. You and your child's safety is of paramount importance to us.

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Building Work

I am sure you will have noticed extensive building work has been taking place over the summer holidays. Sincere thanks are expressed to our parents Mr Jonsson, Mr Holt, Mr Levene, our staff and governors Mr Marston, Mr & Mrs Bennett for the removal of the trim trail and laying the new turf, ready for the new trim-trail to be fitted in October. Secondly, the condemned prefab building has been removed and work has started for the new modular building to be put in place. This will accommodate both the pre-school



and Oak class. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the building works are in place.

Uniform

The children look so smart with their uniform on, thank you. Please make sure that **every piece** of your child's uniform is named. On P.E. days children need a P.E. kit in school. Trainers should not be worn as part of the school uniform. See your class curriculum newsletters for P.E. days.

Please can I also draw your attention to the uniform policy available on the website, this details what children may wear as part of the school uniform and reiterate earrings should not be worn in school.

With the mixed weather at the moment, please send children with a coat each day and have a pair of wellingtons available in school.

Lunches

A polite reminder, for children, who are now in year 3 will need to pay for school dinners. The price currently is £2.40 per meal. If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals, please telephone Lancashire County Council on 01772 533608/532189.

Payment for lunch is made online using the School Money system. Please contact Mrs Bond should you have any queries.



Please note that changing from school dinner to packed lunch or vice versa may take place at the end of a half term giving school a week's notice please.

Water

A polite reminder, children can bring fresh water into school, to drink throughout the day. Please avoid juice as this is not part of promoting 'healthy eating and drinking'.

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PTFA

We have a very proactive PTFA who are keen to raise money to purchase resources and experiences which benefit all our children, in addition to supporting the charitable fundraising we do as a school. The Annual General Meeting will take place in school on **Monday 26th September at 6.30pm in the school hall**. Everyone is invited! Please come along and join the PTFA.



Sign Along

We continue to welcome 'Jo' into school each Wednesday, she will be leading sign language sessions with all our children each week.



Celebration and rewards

We have a number of opportunities throughout the week when we will celebrate with children, our shining stars, team points, postcards home, stickers and special mentions will continue. This year we will continue the very successful **'Always Ready' jumper**; this will be awarded to a child in each class during Monday morning assembly. The children are invited to wear the **green jumper** for the week as recognition that they are **'Always Ready...'** with the teacher completing this sentence as it is awarded. The jumpers have been purchased by school and will be freshly laundered each Friday before presenting to a new child the following Monday. These jumpers do not need to be named but do need to be in school each day.

Secondly, we are awarding a **book mark** containing biblical scripture to a child chosen in each class who has consistently demonstrated the **Christian value** we are focussing on throughout the term. This term is 'Community'.

Finally, we have the prestigious trophy, this **trophy** is an eagle and represents the **eagle of St John** which can be seen on the new school badge. We want to raise awareness of the meaning of the eagle on the badge and to celebrate with individual children throughout the year by awarding the Eagle trophy for always **'Being Ready, Respectful and Safe'**. This links very closely with our behaviour policy and whole school rules. The trophy will be awarded to one child in each class at the end of a half term.



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Parent Information booklet and Data Collection forms

Please complete and return the **data collection forms** providing at least two emergency contacts.

Please complete and return the **Parent Information booklet** so that school is clear on permission regarding what can be shared on public websites such as the school website and face-book.

These forms are coming home tomorrow and we ask that both forms are returned by **Friday 16th September**.

Thank you for your continued support, this information is important in ensuring school is compliant in safeguarding your child.

Upcoming dates for your diary	Events
Monday 26 th September	PTFA AGM 6.30pm in the school hall- all welcome
Thursday 29 th September	Open Afternoon
Thursday 6 th October	Harvest Festival
Monday 10 th October	'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Mental Health Day
Thursday 13 th October	Parents' meetings – letter to follow nearer the date
Thursday 20 th October	Mid term Eucharist service in church

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