



What a fabulous start to the term everyone has made! All of our children should feel very proud of the start they have made to the school year- it is a pleasure to visit them during lesson times and hear the buzz of their learning. It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school during events so far this year. Thank you all sincerely for your continued support.

Staffing update- It is with sadness that Mr Carey, our Site Manager, has decided for personal reasons to resign from his post. We are currently recruiting for his replacement, and we will keep you updated once we have completed this process. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well in his future endeavours.

Miss Blastland will be commencing her maternity leave at the end of this half term. We are all excited for news of her impending arrival! A reminder that during her maternity leave Mrs A Johnson will be stepping up as Vice Principal, Miss Armstong will be stepping up as SENCO and joining the safeguarding team as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads will be Ms Donaldson and Mrs L Johnson. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Blastland well.



Reading, a message from Mrs Johnson- We are delighted to share that our school has recently been awarded the Bronze Reading for Pleasure award—a wonderful recognition of our commitment to nurturing a lifelong love of reading. This achievement is thanks to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and the ongoing support of our parents and carers. Reading for Pleasure continues to be a valued part of our daily routine: children are read to every day, have access to our library, and are encouraged to take home a book of their choice. Across the school, classrooms are filled with a wide selection of engaging books, and we hope this passion for reading is echoed at home. We have some exciting projects planned for the coming year and remain committed to our pledge—working towards the Silver award in the near future.



School council, a message from Miss Brown- Our recent re-election of the School Council was a great success, and we are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and put themselves forward. Congratulations to those who were elected, we hope you wear your new badges with pride! We are now excited to announce that the School Council will be working in partnership with New Waltham Parish Council this year. This inspiring collaboration will involve monthly meetings where our students will have the chance to share their ideas, discuss local matters, and contribute to meaningful changes in their community. It's a fantastic opportunity for our



young leaders to make a real difference and develop their civic voice. Keep an eye out for all the exciting endeavours the School Council have coming up throughout the year!

Harvest Donations- The children will be taking part in our annual Harvest Assembly in school next week. We would be grateful for any food donations (however small) to be brought into school on the mornings of Tuesday 7th October and Wednesday 9th October. We appreciate the impact that the cost-of-living crisis is having on families, but please know that any food donations are greatly appreciated by our local food bank, which we have supported for several years.



Uniform- A reminder please as per our uniform policy that jewellery, such as necklaces and chains, and nail polish should not be worn to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary-

| OCTOBER | |
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| Monday 6 th | Parents evenings for all year groups |
| Tuesday 7 th | Parents evening Nursery to Year 5 |
| Wednesday 8 th | Parents evening Year 6 |
| Thursday 9 th | Harvest Festival |
| Friday 10 th | World Mental Health Day (#helloyellow day) |
| Friday 10 th | Individual school photographs. |
| Wednesday 15 th | Height and Weight Checks – Robin & Eagle |
| Friday 17 th | Break up for two week half Term 3.15pm |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Monday 3 rd | Staff and children return to school |
| Wednesday 5 th | Open Day for new starters – including an open evening |
| W/C Monday 10 th | Anti-bullying week- Power for Good |
| Friday 28 th | Last swimming session |
| Friday 28 th | Non-uniform day for Christmas raffle prizes |
| DECEMBER | |
| Thursday 4 th | Christingle celebration Y3 and 4- 9am |
| Friday 5 th | Christingle celebration Y5 and 6- 9am |
| W/C 8 th | Nursery and Reception Christmas play- dates tbc Year 1 and 2 Christmas play- dates tbc |
| W/C 15 th | Christmas parties KS1 am and KS2 pm |
| Friday 19 th | Christmas Jumper day- Cinema experience Break up for the Christmas holidays 2.15pm |

