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Where will our future
take us?



Friday 8th September 2023 New

#### Dear Families,

Welcome back! It was so wonderful to see so many happy, smiley faces arriving at school this week and to welcome all our new families too. The nursery and reception children have settled in really well and so much has been achieved across the school already! Thank you for your support with our 'Career Dress Up Day' yesterday. The children engaged brilliantly, and it was great to hear them talk about what they will need to achieve in school to reach their dreams. We had vets, nurses, scuba divers, ballerinas, footballers, scientists, teachers, business people, professional rock climbers, rockstars... the list goes on. What a wonderful group of talented children! From next week, the children will start to explore their year group topics and begin their class texts. We look forward to sharing their achievements with you.

# Our One Planet Principles this term are:





This term we will be focusing on the value of 'Respect'. We have introduced our 'Mastery Values Card' where the children can earn stamps for displaying our school values. We cannot wait to get started!

'Chatter Time' at home!
What was your favourite thing about school this week and why?

This year we will be returning to our Golden Table at lunchtimes. This week we are pleased to announce our star achievers are...

The Nest Iona, Sam Nursery Grace, Arjan Reception Lily, Hamish

Year I
Tyler, Phoebe
Year 2
Amanda, Teddy

Year 3
Reuben G, Ezmay
Rose
Year 4
Alma, Holly
Year 5
Zion, Lily

A big well done to everyone!

Our Sporting Award go to: Teddy (reception)

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#### Communication

As you are all aware, Mrs McDonald and I are sharing a class this year. Please note my days in class are a Thursday and Friday. Mrs McDonald will be in class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you do need to get in touch with either of us on these two days, please contact Mrs Desborough in the school office, who will pass on your message. Many thanks.

## **Home Learning**

Please see the attached policy for Home Learning at Gagle Brook. It is important that your child completes their home learning on a weekly basis as well as daily reading and spellings. Please see your child's teacher for more information if needed. Home Learning will be handed out on a **Friday** and is due in on a **Wednesday**.

## PSHE Meeting - Wednesday 13th September at 2.45pm

Please do come along to meet with your child's teacher to hear about the PSHE curriculum for Term I. Sessions will start at **2.45pm prompt** and finish at **3.05pm**. This is for Year I – Year 5 parents.

## **FROGs**

#### **Summer Family Day**

Sadly, we have had to cancel our Summer Family Day on Sunday 24th September due to unforeseen circumstances. We will ensure our Winter Fayre makes up for this!

#### **AGM** and Ideas Session

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm – 7.30pm at school. We will then have an ideas session afterwards until 8.30pm for those of you that can stay. We would love as many parents to join as possible. We have worked hard to raise funds for Gagle Brook over the years but we are still a small committee. We know that everyone is busy and families are unable to commit to every meeting or event, however this does not matter. We would see you and would welcome your ideas and help! Further information to be sent out from the school office on Monday.

### Things to bring to school

Please can you ensure your child has the following in school each day:

- A labelled water bottle
- A sun hat
- Their book folder with diary and book

Can we also ask that all clothing is labelled.



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We are always here to listen and support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office at any point during the school day and they will direct you to the appropriate person to help.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and friends, hopefully the sun will continue to shine!

Emily Holloway and the Gagle Brook Team

## Our Gagle Brook Safeguarding Team 2023







Designated Safeguarding Deputy Designated **Deputy Designated** Lead Lead

## Dates for your diary - September 2023

I Ith Open Evening 'Meet the new Teacher' 3:30-4:00pm

13th PSHE Curriculum Meeting for parents: Reception, Years 1-5 2.45pm (Term 1)

19th - 25th National Coding week

25th 'Jeans for Genes' day

**26**th European Day of Languages

**26th** Phonics Workshop for Reception parents 9.15am (Teams)

29th Macmillan Cake sale 8.45am

28th Phonics Workshop for Year I parents 9.15am (Teams)

**29**<sup>th</sup> World Heart Day

## **Dates for your diary - October 2023**

Ist Black History Month

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Workshop for parents 9.15am Year 2 -5 (Teams)

3rd FROGs AGM and Ideas Evening 7pm at school

10th Phonics Workshop for Nursery parents 9.15am (Teams)

### 9th INSET day – school closed to children

10th World Mental Health day - Children to come dressed in yellow

12th World Sight Day

16<sup>th</sup> Parents Consultation evening 3:30 – 5:00

17th 'Our Learning Showcase' for all parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)

18<sup>th</sup> Parents Consultation evening 3:30 – 7:00

19th World Values Day

20th End of Term

30th Start of Term Two

30th Start of new 'enquiry question': Hidden behind the picture is...?