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Friday 11th September

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great summer and had time to relax and enjoy spending time together as a family. It has been a super first week back with all the children coming into school, eager and ready to learn. We have also welcomed our new children into Elm Class and they have settled into school really well. During assembly I spoke to the children about our school rules, our school motto and the importance of treating others how you would like to be treated. These are the expectations of all pupils when they are in school, please talk to your child at home so children get exactly the same message from both school and home.

'Belong, Believe, Be the best you can be'

A warm welcome to our new staff!

Mrs Williams – Rowan Class TA AM and PPA cover PM

Miss Cook – Cherry Class TA and Breakfast Club Assistant

Mr Mills – Maple Class TA

Mrs Christian – Apple Class TA

Mrs Laglee – Maple Class TA (Thursday & Friday)

Open Day

Our Open Day for new parents of children who will be starting school in September 2027 will be on Tuesday 6th October from 1:30pm – 6:30pm. Please share this date with friends and family and encourage them to come and visit our lovely school.

Reading – My Favourite Topic!

Reading is fundamental to childhood learning because it significantly boosts language development, critical thinking, and general knowledge, which directly supports academic success and social-emotional growth. By exposing children to diverse vocabulary, complex sentence structures, and varied concepts, reading enhances cognitive skills like concentration and imagination, while also fostering empathy and a deeper understanding of the world. Early reading builds strong foundational skills that are essential for learning in all subjects and for overall lifelong learning and well-being.

Homework

Children will be starting to bring spellings home each week and they will need to practise them each





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night. Learning to spell words correctly supports reading and writing development. Good spelling improves written communication as it allows for clearer expression of ideas. Please also look out for the weekly WOW words on Class Dojo and talk about them at home with your child. Knowledge Organisers have been shared, please look at them at home together and talk about the new topics your child will be covering in class. Children will also need to keep practising their times tables on TTRS.

Uniform

Please check this weekend that all your child's belonging are clearly labelled with their name.

Packed Lunches

If you are sending grapes in your child's packed lunch, please ensure they are cut in half to prevent choking.

Meet the Teacher

Please look out on Dojo for information regarding 'Meet the teacher' events. Class Teachers will be sharing important information about the expectations for the year and it will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and see your child's new classroom. Class teachers will also be organising a parent's afternoon where you can come into school and take part in some art and craft activities with your child.

National Fitness Day – Wednesday 16th September.

The theme is 'Powered by you!' Highlighting that everyone has a role to play in building a healthier and more active lifestyle. Children can wear their PE kits to school for the day. Elm Class will get changed into the PE kits when they arrive at school.

Rowan Class Journalists

This week, our Rowan Journalists are: Keira Clements and Harrison Murray.

As it is our first week back, we are very pleased to say that it has been an amazing week, especially with our new Elm Class. Our lovely Elm children have started their learning and it was great to see them in assembly today! Cherry Class have been learning their 3 times tables, Willow Class are enjoying learning about electricity in science and Maple class have been looking at relative clauses in English. Rowan Class also enjoyed their first Outdoor Learning session with Mr Smith. Next Wednesday is National Fitness Day. It is going to be an amazing week next week!

Class with the best attendance: Maple Class will receive the attendance reward this week

Class with the most Dojo Points: Apple Class, well done! They will have five minutes extra play time on Monday.

Above and Beyond – Elm Class for settling so well into school



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Stars of the Week: Jack Nicholls, Mila Chatterton, Rauri Austin, Esme Tonks-Leeke, Ava Warbrick-Hartley, Jessica Booth, Alisa Stefanovica

Thoughts for the weekend.... *'Everywhere you go, leave a glitter trail of kindness behind you'*

Dates for your diary

15/9/26 - Mad Science Assembly
16/9/26 - National Fitness Day
17/9/26 – Jujitsu taster sessions
28/9/26 - Harvest Assembly
6/10/26 - Open Day for prospective parents
13/10/26 - Hockey Festival (Y5/6)
22/10/26 - Halloween Disco
23/10/26 - Finish for Half Term
17&24/11/26 - Bikeability

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J. Smethurst