



# September 2022 Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break and that like me, your batteries are re-charged for the exciting year ahead. I look forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks but in the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to the families and staff who are joining us this year. Unusually, I have decided to write to you before we return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September so that I can update you on the building works that started over the Summer holidays, the INSET days we had at the start of term and key information for the start of term.

### Building works

The roofing contractors have been busy over the summer holidays re-decking and waterproofing the areas above the main office area, library, kitchen, staff-rooms, and the two reception classrooms, with some ceilings replaced internally. It is important to note that there was an incident involving asbestos removal at the start of the roofing works. However, all areas affected have been fully and thoroughly cleaned by the appointed Licenced Asbestos Removal Contractor then these areas were tested and cleared by UKAS accredited asbestos consultants in compliance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012.

The flat roofing works will continue in to the term-time for approximately 10 weeks (weather permitting), with one classroom at a time being re-roofed over the Years 3 and 4 classrooms. The children in these classes will be moved for approximately 2 weeks at a time to be taught in our PAC building (which has been fully equipped as a classroom) whilst the roof works take place before moving back in to their newly roofed classroom. **Woodpeckers Class** will be the first group of children who will be taught in the PAC starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please can we ask that children are dropped off and picked up from the PAC.

For those families using **Early Birds**, please access the club via the main entrance. For those collecting from **Night Owls**, please access via the large playground gates into the junior playground.

### INSET days

We made good use of our two INSET days this week which were jam packed! Excitingly, the whole staffing teams from Wood Street Infant School and Worplesdon Primary School came together to create a School Development Plan for the federated schools with a focus on building a better future for the children we serve. Once the detailed plan is complete by the end of September, it will be made available for the community to refer to via our website.

The second part of our training focused on Safeguarding and over the course of the term we will continue to share ways you can support your children to stay safe.

### Key information for the start of term

Please see the new **PE timetable** (below). As in previous years, we ask that children come to school in their P.E. kits so we can maximise our time being active.

Day	am	pm
Monday	Reception	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 5	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 3	Year 4
Thursday	Year 2	

As you know, the **agreed timings** for our new school day are:

- Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and 2) - 8.40am (8.50 registration) to 3.10pm
- Junior children (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) - 8.50am (9.00 registration) to 3.20pm

We are delighted to let you know that Dan White has agreed to continue to lead our **Walking Bus**, meeting at 8.25am at The Fairlands Community Centre. This will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, in order to prepare for the year ahead, the annual calendar of events will be published on the website and emailed next Friday to parents via ParentMail. Alternatively, hard copies will be available from the office. We have tried to include as many dates as possible for the year, however, there will be additional dates as the year progresses and we will inform you of these through our monthly newsletters.

I would like to wish you all a happy and successful year ahead.

Best wishes,

*Kareen O'Brien*

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Value of the month – Responsibility