



## Start of Autumn Term Letter to Parents, 1<sup>st</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your children at the start of the new academic year – I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new term.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back on Monday (5<sup>th</sup> September) with gates opening at the usual time of 8.25am. Nursery and Reception children have a staggered start over the course of next week – a separate reminder letter will be sent today.

**Upcoming Dates** We have some parent events coming up this month so please make a note of these dates/times:

- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September (8.45am): Coffee Morning for new Nursery/Reception parents** – all new parents are very welcome to attend, meet school staff and other parents
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September (8.45am): Parent Forum** – I will be hosting our termly Parent Forum and giving an update on the school and answering any questions you may have. All parents very welcome to attend.
- **Parent Information Sessions September** – Each year group is running Parent Information Sessions where you will be able to meet the teaching team, they will share what the children will be learning this year and answer any questions you may have. These will take place at 8.00am on these days (please come to the front entrance):
  - Year 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 1 – 19<sup>th</sup> September
  - Nursery – 20<sup>th</sup> September
  - Reception – 21<sup>st</sup> September
  - Year 4 – 26<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 5 – 27<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 6 – 28<sup>th</sup> September

**School Uniform** If you are need of any items of uniform, we will be running a second-hand uniform sale on Monday morning (5<sup>th</sup> Sept) at 8.30am. This will be in the library so do come along if you need anything.

**Classes 2022/23** As I shared at the end of last term, below are the classes/teacher allocation for this year. If you are unsure about anything, please speak to myself or a member of staff on the gate.

Class Name	Teacher	Incoming Class
Globe	Vanesa Otero	
Reception Mexico	Jacqueline Stewart	
Reception India	Ana Pestana & Maria Andra Benitez	
Year 1 Italy	Chloe Fisher	New class allocation – letter sent to parents
Year 1 France	Yeli Gbeworo	
Year 2 China	Hannah Schofield	Italy Class
Year 2 Barbados	Amandeep Uppal	France Class
Year 3 Norway	Kelly Bernstein	China Class
Year 3 Belgium	Eleanor Harris	Barbados Class
Year 4 Ghana	Beverley Hayes	Belgium Class
Year 4 Brazil	Alex Peckham	Norway Class

Year 5 Greece	Laura Johnson	New class allocation – letter sent to parents
Year 5 Spain	Puja Nair	
Year 6 Canada	Emma Helliwell	Greece Class
Year 6 Australia	Lara Brown	Spain Class

**School Lunches** The updated menu for the Autumn Term is on the website here:

<https://arkatwoodprimary.org/life-school/school-lunches>. I'm afraid we have had to put the price of a lunch up very slightly to £2.60 owing to significantly higher costs. Parents can pay for lunches through Wise Pay in the usual way.

**End of Day Timings 22/23** Gates will open at 3.40pm for parents to collect their children. Children should be collected as follows:

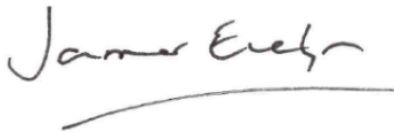
- Reception/Nursery – collect directly from classrooms
- Years 1, 2 and 3 – up the yellow stairs and collect from the Hall
- Years 4, 5 and 6 – collect from the playground

P3 After School Provision is running as normal next term from 3.50pm to 5.50pm.

**Year 3 Digital Strategy** Children in Year 3 will be receiving a Chromebook to support with home learning. A meeting will be held with Year 3 parents on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm** to share more information so that you are clear about the use of the Chromebook and can ask any questions you may have. A letter will be sent home with your child on Monday containing more details.

Very much looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best Wishes



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