



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

No PE Kit next week please. Children should attend in school uniform on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – Thursday is PJ day, read below for Monday!

So, today is Rollover Day! As I write to you, the children are all now happily ensconced in their new classes with their new teachers. After what has been a seemingly very long year it is nice to be thinking about new beginnings and fresh starts.

In order to redress some imbalances in certain classes, we have mixed the children's class groups up for the new school year. These decisions are always made having considered the children's friendships, working relationships with their peers and keeping their best interests at heart. The class teachers and I have been discussing these moves for weeks! As I walked around the school just now the children are all happy and are very much enjoying the experience of their new classrooms - but they suddenly look very small again!

We are pleased to be welcoming Miss Charlotte Beatie and Mrs Anna Teodoridis to our teaching staff team in Year 1. Please ensure to give them a big St Edward's welcome when you meet them!

Miss Couser is moving from Year 1 to Year 2 and will be undertaking her teacher training year under the watchful eye of Miss Clark.

You can see from the table the staffing arrangements for September but you will have to wait until pick up for your child to tell you which class they are in!

Year Group	Class Teacher	Support Staff
Fledglings	Mrs Adams Miss Addyman	Mrs Harrison Mrs Lansley Mrs Sheffield Mr Godliman
Year 1 Goldfinches	Mrs Teodoridis	Mrs Berry Mrs Mukhtar
Year 1 Sparrows	Miss Beatie	Mrs Juric (M, T) Ms Sharkey (W,Th,F)
Year 2 Starlings	Mr McKell	Mrs Egleton (M, T, W, Th) Mrs Juric (Fri)
Year 2 Kingfishers	Miss Clark Miss Couser	Mrs Bosquet
Year 3 Doves	Mrs O'Connell (Mon, Tues) Mrs Hayman (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Hall (Mon, Tues, Fri) Mrs Kitson (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Year 3 Woodpeckers	Miss McGuckian	Mrs Kelly (Mon, Tue, Wed) Mrs Craig (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Year 4 Nightingales	Mrs Wetherall	Mrs Reston
Year 4 Owls	Mr Keohane	Mrs Kitchen Mrs Barnett (Mon, Tues)

Goodbye

We are saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Woodcock who is going to explore new pastures. Mrs Woodcock has made a huge contribution to our staff team and her significant impact on our Art and DT curriculum is particularly evident!

Mr Kitson is also going to a new school where he will undertake his teacher training year.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to both of them for their commitment and dedication to the children and the school and we wish them the very best for the future.

Year 4

As they prepare for the final performance of The Wizard of Oz this evening, Year 4 were invited back to Fledglings for the morning. They were delighted to return to where many of them started school and are currently building pirate ships (many in full fancy dress!) and playing in the sand pit and mud kitchen in the Fledglings setting. It is really rather joyous to see them so fully engrossed in pure play! I do hope that they had a fun morning.

Monday Morning (Post Euro's Football Final)

As the England football team qualified for the Euro 2024 final last night, we have decided to offer the children – and parents – the opportunity to have a lie in on Monday and start school a little later than usual in case they stay up late to watch the game on Sunday evening – although we are hopeful that it does not have to go to extra time or penalties!

The staff will all be in as usual and school will open, as will breakfast club, for those of you who want to bring your children in at the usual time but we will offer the opportunity for children to be dropped off up to 10.30am on Monday morning without being marked as late.

We will need to close the dinner registers as normal at 9am so if you choose to bring your child in late please provide them with a packed lunch.

If you are arriving late please bring your child to the office to sign in and Mrs McElroy and Mrs Langdale will register them as they arrive.

In celebration of the event, the children may all come to school dressed in their own – or someone else's! - National colours **(NOT FOOTBALL KITS)** on Monday if they wish too. No need for uniform – just sensible, suitable shoes and a sense of national pride and unity 😊

The England men's team have never before reached a football final on foreign soil so this is a learning opportunity for the children about pride, teamwork and sportsmanship. I do hope everyone enjoys it and that the right team wins!

Parking – Clewer Hall

I have been advised that the number of parents parking at the hall for drop off and pick up far exceeds the number that we have issued parking passes too. Please do not park in the hall if you have not been asked to participate in the trial otherwise we are at risk of losing the option for everyone moving forwards.

Pyjamarama Day – Thursday 18th July

The children may come to school in their PJs on Thursday. Please ensure that they have suitable footwear! A voluntary donation of £1 is requested for the BookTrust.

Candle Assembly – Tuesday 18th July

The traditional candle assembly will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. This is the service where the Y4 children pass on the responsibility of being the oldest children in the school to the Y3 children. Make sure to bring your tissues – it's always a tear jerker!

All Y3 and Y4 parents are welcome to attend but we will not have space for younger siblings at this event.

Leavers Mass – Friday 19th July

The Year 4 Leavers Mass will be held in the school hall on the morning of Friday 19th July at 9.00. Y4 parents only are welcome to attend.

Bicycles and Scooters

Please encourage your children NOT to ride their bikes or scooters on school grounds, most especially in the car park. They (and you!) should dismount on passing through the gates and push them to the bike shed and likewise push them to the gate on leaving. There are just too many people around for it to be safe practice. There is also a sign advising this on the gates into school.

We Need You!

In September, we will be looking to recruit two more lunchtime controllers to our staff team. We have placed the job description and application form on the school website. If you think this role might interest you please do have a look and get in touch!

End of Term – Friday 19th July @2pm

The term ends for all pupils on Friday 19th July at 2pm.

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly.

Kind regards & God bless,

Sarah Matthews

Headteacher