



Wednesday 2nd September 2020

WELCOME TO THE INFANT UNIT

Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and a warm welcome from all the Infant Unit. We hope you have all had a lovely summer. We are excited to see all our children back in school- we've missed the laughter and smiles from a busy school! Please remind yourselves of the system of control and protective measures that are in place regarding Covid 19 (available on our website and emailed letters).

STAFFING

For your reference the Infant Unit classes are as follows:

- Amazing Acorns: EYFS - Miss Cavaney
- Awesome Ashes: EYFS and Yr1-Mrs Jabeen
- Super Sycamores: Yr1 and Y2- Miss Fielding
- Outstanding Alders: Yr2- Miss Cowgill

We would like to remind parents that we have a clear policy in terms of dealing with any queries/concerns with reference to your child's learning. Please contact your child's class teacher, or, if you feel that this has not been dealt with sufficiently, then you are welcome to arrange an appointment with Miss Cavaney (KS1 Unit Head) or Miss Fielding (EYFS Lead/Assistant Head).

MORNINGS

Staggered start and finish times

In order to reduce contact between class groups, we are asking parents to support us in the staggered the start and finish times for each class. We appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience to parents, particularly for those with siblings in different classes but we would ask that parents drop off and collect children at the allocated time for each class group. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience with this situation.

Class & Teacher	Start time	Finish time
Acorns - Miss Cavaney	8.40am	3.00pm
Ashes - Mrs Jabeen	8.40am	3.00pm
Sycamores - Miss Fielding	8.50am	3.10pm
Alders - Miss Cowgill	8.50am	3.10pm

BYT Breakfast and After School Club

Class & Teacher	Drop off point	Collection Point
Acorns - Miss Cavaney	Infant shelter	Infant shelter
Ashes - Mrs Jabeen	Infant shelter	Infant shelter
Sycamores - Miss Fielding	Infant shelter	Infant shelter
Alders - Miss Cowgill	Infant shelter	Infant shelter



UNIFORM

Please could all items, including PE kits be clearly labelled.

EQUIPMENT

Please could we advise that pupils equipment is kept to a minimum. Children should only bring to school essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats and wellies each day. No bags will be needed.

JEWELLERY

As in previous years, children are not to wear jewellery in school except stud earrings and watches. Please remove earrings for PE days. If a child is seen wearing jewellery, a member of staff will ask the child to remove this and will place this in a secure drawer/ locker for the child to take home at the end of the day. Girls are also reminded that they are not allowed to wear any nail varnish.

P.E./Forest School

Due to our infection controls, children will not be allowed to borrow PE kits or pumps from school at the current time. Children must, therefore, wear an outdoor PE kit (blue or black tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a jumper) on their designated PE day (please see your class pages or welcome booklet for your child's PE day). Please bring your child's Forest School kits on their designated day- they will be kept in the garage for the day.

Fruit/Snacks/Milk/Water

We will not be serving toast at morning break, however you are welcome to bring a **healthy snack that does not contain and nuts, sesame or citrus**. Milk is available, please sign up via 'cool milk' online. Children should bring their own water bottles into school which are clearly labelled (bottles can be purchased from the office).

READING

Reading is an important part of our homework and something that we encourage children to do on a daily basis. There is an expectation that children will read every night. Information about days when your child's book can be changed will be shared in your class newsletter or welcome booklet. Pupils will be allowed to take reading books home from school each Monday. As these are returned to school on Thursday, they will be 'quarantined' for 72 hours before being returned to the reading book boxes. Additional hand washing for staff and pupils will be required when selecting reading books.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set by the class teacher on a Friday and is expected back on Wednesday. Each week the children will receive spellings via our online 'Spelling Shed' programme (more details will be on each class newsletter) and in Year 1 and 2 programmes will be available for Maths homework.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Topic webs are always available on the website, on class pages, so that you can see what your child will be learning.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We will be unable to allow any extra-curricular clubs or after school sporting activities to take place during the first half of the Autumn Term other than our BYT provision.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

At this current time, we will not be encouraging visitors or volunteers into school, but if this is something you could support us with in the future, please keep a look out for updates.

APPOINTMENTS

All parents/carers must request an 'Exit Pass' from the office prior to their child's medical appointment. If the child is returning to school that same day the 'Exit Pass' must be handed back to the office on their return.

OFFICE

To keep our office staff safe and avoid crowding in the reception area, please phone or email school with any enquiries.

AND FINALLY...

We're all excited to be back and teach all our amazing children!
Let us hope we all have an enjoyable and productive year!

From all the staff in the Infant Unit.

