



3rd September 2024
Whole School Newsletter—Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME to the start of a new school year. I hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and are looking forward to a great term ahead.

For those families who have children joining us this year, a really big welcome to our school. Hopefully most of your children will have had an opportunity to visit our school and for many, will have taken part in our Transition Days in July and our Summer School for Y3 which was held on Friday of last week.

Each year group will host a 'Welcome Meeting' after school within the first full week of term (dates included in this newsletter) that will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to come in, see the staff in the year group and find out expectations for the year ahead.

School Uniform—Reminder of expectations

SCHOOL UNIFORM (non PE days) - Children should wear:

- Purple school jumper or cardigans
- White polo shirt, blouse or shirt (school logo optional)
- Full length trousers, pinafore dress, skirts, tailored shorts or leggings (all black or dark grey)
- Lilac 'gingham' summer school dresses (optional)
- Completely** black, flat-soled, sensible shoes, boots or trainers
- Any socks

No: Open-toed shoes or sandals

PE KIT - On PE days, children can come to school in:

- Their usual school uniform, preferably with a change of shoes suitable for PE (trainers if possible).
- Alternatively, if your child would like to wear a PE kit, they can come in any elements of the list below:
- UNBRANDED completely white t-shirt
- UNBRANDED completely black shorts or black leggings
- Trainers (do not have to be black and can be branded and have logos on them)
- UNBRANDED and completely black tracksuit (or sweatshirt/hoodie) for colder months

No: Branded symbols, logos, slogans or writing whatsoever on clothing.

JEWELLERY and MAKE-UP

Jewellery – Children can wear:

- ONE set of STUD earrings (should be removed on PE days)
- Wristwatch (smart watches that allow pupils to read messages are not allowed)

No other jewellery is allowed. This includes temporary tattoos, homemade bracelets or festival type bands.

Make-up – No make-up, including nail varnish, is allowed in school.

Snacks and Drinks

Snacks – Children are allowed any choice of break time snack other than those listed below:

- Crisps
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Nuts (this is very important because of allergies)

Classroom drinks – The only drink allowed during class time is water. (Squash can be brought in to have at lunchtime if needed). No fizzy drinks or energy drinks are allowed in school.



Attendance—Start and End of the Day

- Just a reminder that our gates open at 8.40am and CLOSE at 8.50am as this is when the school day starts, so children should be in class by this point. The bell goes for Years 3/4 at 3.18pm and Years 5/6 at 3.20pm.
- Please remember for some there is a little walk around from their classes.

PE Days

Year Group/Class	PE Days
Year 3 – Curie Class	Wednesday Indoor – Thursday Outdoor
Year 3 – Keller Class	Monday Indoor – Tuesday Outdoor
Year 3 – Mandela Class	Monday Indoor – Friday Outdoor
Please note: Year 4 have swimming lessons this year. A letter will be sent out to explain who is swimming when. Swimming happens on a Thursday afternoon. If your child’s class is not swimming they will have their usual PE slot on a Thursday. Swimming starts on Thursday 12th September and a letter will follow with further details.	
Year 4 – Malorie Class	Tuesday Indoor – Thursday Outdoor
Year 4 – Parks Class	Tuesday Indoor – Thursday Outdoor
Year 4 – Seacole Class	Wednesday Indoor – Thursday Outdoor
Year 5 – Attenborough Class	Tuesday Indoor – Friday Outdoor
Year 5 – Naidu Class	Friday Indoor – Thursday Outdoor
Year 5 – Pankhurst Class	Tuesday Indoor – Wednesday Outdoor
Year 5 – Wilberforce Class	Wednesday Indoor – Monday Outdoor
Year 6 – Bevan Class	Friday Indoor – Tuesday Outdoor
Year 6 – Malala Class	Thursday Indoor – Monday Outdoor
Year 6 – Shakespeare Class	Friday Indoor – Tuesday Outdoor
Year 6 – Tabei Class	Monday Indoor – Wednesday Outdoor

Welcome Meetings

- We offer a ‘Welcome Meeting’ for each year group at the start of the school year so that we can talk a little to you about the year ahead and expectations for the year group. We appreciate not everyone will be able to attend, but we will pop the slides on the website after the sessions have taken place.
- **Year 3**—Monday 9th September at 9:00am, Tuesday 10th September at 2:30pm, Wednesday 11th September at 6:00pm
- **Year 4**—Tuesday 10th September 3.45pm
- **Year 5**— Wednesday 11th September 3.45pm
- **Year 6**—Wednesday 11th September 3.45pm

Diary Dates

A separate sheet with our diary dates for the year ahead will be sent home on Wednesday—please look out for the link. This will also be added to the website.