

Re: Start of term information

Dear parents and carers

We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and that you are all looking forwards to the start of term as much as we are. We wanted to write to you to share a few important dates, reminders and improvements ready for the start of term.

Coffee and Cake Reception

The Moseley Parish would like to invite all parents and carers to a Coffee and Cake Reception on **Wednesday 7th September at St Mary's Church from 9am to 10am.**

Improved start of day procedures

Good punctuality is vital so that no learning time is lost and so that all children benefit from a settled start to their learning each day.

We are keen to do all that we can to ensure that all children have the smoothest possible start to their day. Therefore, we have made some slight improvements to our start of day procedures:

Gates will continue to open at **8.45am.**

I will be at the Oxford Road entrance each morning to welcome all families as they arrive as usual and our one way system around the site will remain in operation.

To ensure a prompt start to learning, children will no longer line up on the playground before school. They will enter school as soon as they arrive, proceed to their cloakrooms and then go straight into their classrooms. Class teachers will be in classrooms to welcome children. Learning activities will begin as soon as children arrive.

- **YR and Y1** - Children will enter through their classroom doors from the YR courtyard.
- **Y2** - Children will enter through the playground door nearest to the school hall.
- **Y4 & Y6** - Children will enter through the front entrance nearest to the cycle parking. They will use the front staircase.
- **Y3 & Y5** - Children will enter through the playground door nearest to the library. They will use the rear staircase.

There will be a senior member of staff on the playground to meet and greet children and support them into school safely. There will also be staff available to assist with calm and safe movement of children around the school and into their classroom.

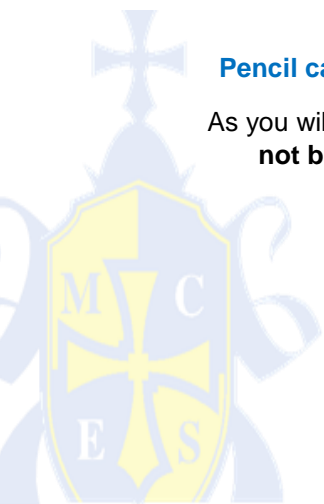
School starts at 8.55am and all children must be in school by this time. Registers will be completed at 8.55am.

If your child arrives after 8.55am they will use the main office entrance and will receive a late mark in the register.

Pencil cases, stationery and personal belongings

As you will remember from my letter on 21.6.22, **all children will be using school stationery and should not bring any items from home to use in school.** To reduce costs for families, improve children's

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presentation and reduce distractions for children in class, school will be providing all stationery for children to use in September: pencils, rulers, glue, colouring pencils.

Children in Y6 will be provided with a Moseley CE Primary pencil case, which will contain the equipment they need in school. This will give them greater responsibility and help them to become increasingly independent as they prepare for transition to Secondary school.

Children should not bring any toys or personal belongings into school and we ask parents and carers to support us with reinforcing this expectation with your child.

PE

All children will have 2 PE lessons per week. **Class teachers will inform parents/ carers of their class' PE day and class timetable.** Children should come to school wearing their school PE kit on their allocated PE days. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day; children are expected to wear their school uniform PE kit for all PE sessions. PE will often be held outside so please make sure that your child has the appropriate PE kit for the seasonal weather.

Forest School

We are so fortunate to have a wonderful school site and need to ensure that we use it as effectively as possible, throughout the year, to enhance the learning of as many children as possible. Like all schools, our school needs to continually evolve and further develop our curriculum to ensure that it effectively supports the changing needs of all children that we serve. We also need to adapt to the challenging financial realities that all schools are facing at present.

Whilst having had weekly Forest School sessions throughout YR, Y1 and Y2 during 3 half terms per year has brought much joy to many children, the significant amount of curriculum time given to these sessions has reduced the curriculum time available for extending children's learning experiences (and bringing equal joy!) in other subjects. We are also aware that older children have not had the benefit of continuing to have regular opportunities to use the Forest School site to support their learning as they progress through the school.

As a trained Forest School leader, I value the significant benefits of Forest School sessions for all children. I am fully committed to maintaining Forest School as part of our rich, broad and balanced curriculum. Therefore, I will be teaching one Forest School session for every class, along with their class teacher, every term. The dates for these sessions are on the school website and further information about suitable clothing and footwear for the sessions will be sent to parents and carers closer to the time.

Class teachers will also be using the Forest School site and the outdoor learning environment to extend learning opportunities for children across the curriculum throughout the year. Class teachers will notify parents and carers in advance if children will need wellies for any of these lessons.

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'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

As you will recall from my letter on 18.7.22, sessions will be from 2.30pm - 3.25pm on the following dates:

- Y2 - Wednesday 14th September 2022
- Y6 - Thursday 15th September 2022
- Y4 - Monday 19th September 2022
- Y5 - Tuesday 20th September 2022
- Y1 - Wednesday 21st September 2022
- Y3 - Thursday 22nd September 2022

These will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and other key members of staff, find out more about the curriculum your child will be studying this year and learn about ways that you can support your child's learning at home.

During the Meet the Teacher sessions, I will deliver a short session sharing feedback from the responses to the Parents and Carers questionnaire and providing further information about our plans for the year ahead.

Mrs Mupesa will also deliver a short session to provide parents and carers with information about the SENDCO role and provision for children with SEND in our school. We are delighted that Mrs Mupesa will continue as our SENDCO. This will maintain stability and continuity and enable us to embed the effective systems and provision that we put in place during the Spring and Summer terms.

Mrs Mupesa will also be arranging further opportunities for parents and carers of children with SEND to find out more information in the near future.

Flourishing Together - Progress Review Sessions

- Monday 7th November 2022 4pm – 6pm
- Tuesday 8th November 2022 4pm – 6pm

These will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to visit their child's classroom to look at their work and speak with their child, and their teacher, about their learning.

Families will be invited to book to attend for a 30 minute session on their preferred date at their preferred time. A maximum of 6 families will attend each session. We will write to you closer to the time to explain how you can book the session you wish to attend via our school website.

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Dates for your Diary

Our website calendar has been updated with key dates for the year ahead. We will continue to keep this updated so that parents and carers have accurate, up to date information about future events and activities in school. We will also send a weekly, one-page Newsletter, sharing brief reminders of forthcoming events.

We are looking forwards to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday and feeling excited about the wonderful learning opportunities that we have planned for the year ahead.

Warmest wishes,

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