



Welcome Back Everyone...

to our new, expanded school! Over the summer we have had a new building constructed at the front of the school. This houses two year four classes and 'The Island' our nurture provision. In common with many other areas of the country, there has been incredible pressure on school places in Leicester for some time. We have 'done our bit' by expanding the school so that we can accommodate up to 60 children in each year group – effectively meaning there are now two classes for every year group. This is a much better way to organise the school so we no longer have any mixed age classes as we used to have.

We look forward to welcoming new pupils to the school over the coming weeks and we know that our existing pupils will make them feel welcome and help them to settle into our school.

We have changed lunchtimes in order to accommodate our extra pupils – we now have a Foundation 2 and Years 1-3 lunchtime of 11.30 to 12.30 and a totally separate lunchtime for years 4, 5 and 6 between 12.30 and 1.30. This will mean that we have far fewer pupils in the main playground – last year at the end of lunchtime we would have nearly 300 children in the main playground. We will now have no more than 180 which should make it more pleasant, and safer, for everyone.

New Teachers

I am very pleased to be able to welcome several new teachers to the school this term.

Sarah Ashdown is in F2, Louise Compton and Anna Jarvis have a Year 1 class, Zoe Stock will be teaching in Year 3, Tom Houlton in Year 4 and Fahim Variava will be in Year 5.

We have had two very successful staff training days and I know that all the staff are looking forward to getting to know the children they are working with this year and having a successful and enjoyable year!

Best Wishes
Richard Stone,
Headteacher

After School Clubs

You should receive letters home today about clubs that we will be offering this half term. Please note that we do not provide any clubs for Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children in the first half term as the younger children need to settle into class routines at the start of the year.

Please return your letter as soon as possible – you will be notified if your child has received a place.

Year 5 & 6 After School Homework Club

Children should sign up for this club on a Friday with Miss Challis. Confirmation will then be returned home on Monday night for the club which will take place the following night ie Tuesday. This process should be followed each week because different children may be attending each week.

Breakfast Club

Please note that Breakfast Club will not start until next Monday, September 5th.

If this will make this week particularly difficult for any families, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Stone or Miss Tuffey

'Red Slips'

From time to time, when children have broken school rules, they are given a 'Red Slip' as part of our behaviour policy. We will keep parents / carers informed; unless informed otherwise please know that the matter has been dealt with and you need not contact us unless requested.

Health & Safety notice: this is a reminder that children may only wear studs in their ears and these must be removed or covered for PE. Hoops or 'dangly' ear rings are not allowed under any circumstances.