



Dear Families and Friends

I would like to formally welcome everyone back to school for the 2015-2016 academic and to extend a special welcome to the new children and families joining the school in Early Years or other classes. We also welcome Mrs Staunton and Miss Hughes who have joined our team of teaching assistants. Mrs Staunton will be working alongside staff and children in Year 1 and Year 2 (three mornings) and Miss Hughes will be supporting children in Early Years in place of Mrs Allen who is still on maternity leave.

The children seem to have made a great start to the new academic year. We have already held our first *Pupil Parliament* session of the year and our assemblies have focussed on promoting effective learning and good behaviour, including being responsible and safe at all times (particularly when staff are not always there to check!). We have also made clear to the children our emphasis at this stage on joined handwriting, the learning of multiplication tables so that children can recall these quickly and fluently, and the importance of reading for pleasure at home.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday of this week, especially for your time and good feedback. We are pleased that you find this opportunity to meet your child's teachers useful as they set the scene for the year ahead. As mentioned, we will be sending home some additional materials to support you and your child during the next 2-3 weeks.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a successful year. Next week, I will be in the Isle of Man with Year 6. Any issues that you would normally want to raise with me can be discussed with Mrs Gray, our Deputy Headteacher.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY (more to follow)

Mon 14th – Fri 18th September

Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Man

Fri 2nd October

School CLOSED for Staff Training (with other schools)

Wednesday 7th October, 7.00pm

Parents' Forum Meeting with Governors

BUILDING WORK / SCAFFOLDING



You will have noticed that the scaffolding at the side of the building has now been removed. The work to repair sections of the school roof has now been completed, together with the replacement of our central heating boilers. Thank you for your patience during last week and this week. The next phase of our roof repairs will hopefully take place next summer. We are thinking that this will be long project but the final stage in the replacement of the school roof.

PARKING on BAZLEY ROAD : PLEASE SUPPORT US

We would like to remind everyone about parking on Bazley Road. Please **DO NOT** drive down or park on Bazley Road. It is potentially dangerous and does not help the school to keep our children safe. We would also like to remind everyone **NOT TO BLOCK** our neighbours driveways –we have had one or two complaints already since we returned to school last week.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN IN THE CAR PARK

We are asking everyone to ensure that when entering and leaving the school premises **all** children are supervised and stay with parents rather than running ahead. Children must not play on their scooters, play ball, play chase around the parked cars or move ahead of parents in the car park. Children should stay with their adult at all times. We have increased our staff supervision in the mornings to help with this and to remind children where necessary of their safety. When the gates are opened in the mornings, we are asking all children to **walk with parents to the playground** rather than run ahead. Thank you for your support.

LUNCHTIME ORGANISER REQUIRED

We are currently seeking to appoint a new lunchtime organiser to join our lunchtime team. This is a role requiring a commitment of 1¼ hours per day during term time and to the children's welfare and safety during their free-play time. Lunchtime organisers play a key role in providing a safe environment for our children at lunchtime, including indoor and outdoor supervision, encouraging positive and safe play and dealing with minor disputes or accidents. It is not an easy role and requires a commitment and stamina for working in a busy (and sometimes boisterous) environment, vigilant supervision and working outside on a daily basis. If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact Angela Charlton or Hillary Moran (Senior Lunchtime Organiser) for more information and an information pack.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS



We have been advised that there is currently a problem in ordering and receiving school uniform from TESCO. They are not in a position to fulfil all orders and we understand that some parents have been waiting a few weeks for new school uniform. Our school uniform can also be obtained from the DEBONAIR School Uniform Shop at Wythenshawe Civic Centre.

EARRINGS

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the **wearing of earrings** in school is limited to stud earrings and that all earrings must be removed or covered for PE lessons. Children are not allowed to wear 'dangly' earrings at any time for safety reasons. Thank you.