

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Welcome to a brand-new academic year. It has been a short week for all our children returning but how wonderful it is to hear our school full of children's chatter and to see everyone. They were definitely ready to be back and have settled very quickly into routines which now include hand-washing regularly, staying in their year group bubbles and zoned areas of the playground. Day one the teachers tell me the children were buzzing to share all their news and we certainly didn't stop them. A huge thank you to everyone for being patient with our procedures at the start and end of day. Slowly but surely drop off and pick up is getting quicker and the staff have welcomed all the lovely smiles from you all. Even with the extremely rainy weather.



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We have welcomed our new Reception children and their families who have enjoyed exploring their classroom and getting to know their teachers through their stay and play sessions. They have all been so confident and full of smiles as they entered the building. You can tell they are used to hand washing as they didn't bat an eyelid using the hand sanitisers. They have loved using all the bright resources in the classrooms and have been quite chatty telling us who they are and how much they love their uniform. It really is as if they have always been at school. We hope you love your primary education. Welcome as well to Mr Harwood and Mrs Martin our two new teachers in Year 5 and 1. Hello to our new teaching assistants Miss Spoor, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Ward and Mrs Harper. We are joined this year by Miss Olaitan who is a teaching student from Warwick university and she will be with Cherry class in the Autumn and Summer Term. We have also welcomed children in other year groups too and we hope they love being part of our family. Welcome to Esme (Kingfishers), Katherine (Otters), Nanaki and Lacey (Hazel), David (Maple), Leo, Zane, Declan, Tia, Liah and Sienna (Cherry).

This week we have spent a lot of time talking to the children about how they feel and helping them to understand that we go through a range of emotions in our day. We have introduced colour monsters in our school. I am sure the children have already started talking about them with you. The idea is that when we have different emotions it is good to talk about how we feel and why. It helps us to understand why we might behave the way we do. The whole school is using them including the staff. Our behaviour is shaped by how we feel so when we are happy we might be displaying excited behaviour because we love learning about new things. However, for some people new learning can make them feel anxious and then they can share that they are feeling blue and the teacher can explore more about why they feel that way and support them. We are teaching the children that it is ok to feel angry or worried in exactly the same way as we feel relaxed or muddled. Talking helps us understand life better. Talk to your child about The Colour Monster and see what they say.



There is so much learning happening in all the classrooms already. Cherry (year 5) have been exploring alliteration and personification in their new lovely temporary classroom. I think they are quite liking where they are. Maple (year 4) wrote alternative lyrics for Mamma Mia – budding songwriters! Hazel (year 3) are very proud of their artwork and the trees they have created. Foxes (year 2) are the best class in the universe according to Mrs Lawson! They have been exploring their feelings through language. Whilst Kingfishers and Otters (year 1) have not stopped exploring phonics, numbers, digging for diamonds and exploring patterns. What will next week bring? Well the whole school is exploring the text 'Here we are!' by Oliver Jeffers. A beautiful book about planet earth and how diverse but amazing it is. I am looking forward to seeing progression of writing across the school, incredible artwork, geography specialists emerging and eco-warriors protecting our world.



'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' Nelson Mandela.

Have a wonderful weekend listening to your child's news. We are grateful that we are a part of their lives.

Mrs Humphriss

Welcome back!



ARK Award!

Well done Lexie for your Random Act of Kindness by donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust. Such a lovely way to help others.



OPEN WEEK FOR RECEPTION 2021-2022

We will be holding an 'Open Week' from 19th–22nd October for prospective pupils for the academic year 2021-2022.

This is subject to government guidance with regards to Covid-19.

Please telephone the school office 01926 290330 for an appointment for a socially distanced tour of the school.