



New Beginnings - 2017

As your child is now ready to move into their next year group, we thought that you might want to have a little information to help to prepare both you and them for an exciting and settled start to the Autumn Term in September. We hope that you will find this helpful and informative.

- Your new team are: Miss Williams (English lead), Mrs Derbyshire (mathematics lead), Mrs Perry (part-time English and mathematics) and Miss Humphries (TA),
- Please ensure that every item of clothing is named and that bags are too.
- We would prefer it if children bring their reading books in a school book bag as opposed to a big rucksack, as our cloak room is tiny and fitting in coats and PE bags and then other bags is really difficult. School book bags can be kept safely in children's drawers.
- Named water bottles (clear ones please) can be carried in and then they are stored in boxes in the classroom.
- Remember to bring your PE kit and reading book in on the first day back.
- Our PE days are Thursday (indoors) and Friday (outdoors).
- Spelling and maths challenges are on the website for you to practise.
- Maths challenge will be on Fridays, spelling challenge dates will be on the half termly newsletters.
- Reading books will be changed at least once per week and your child will also bring a library book home to read.
- Education City or MyMaths home learning will usually be set every two weeks.
- Year 6 leave school via the doors outside the conservatory. Please wait for them outside of this area on the main playground and keep an eye out for them as they will come to you when they see you.
- Please let the office or a member of the Senior Team (on the gate) know if someone different is picking your child up - their safety at all times is most important to us.
- When dropping off your child in the morning, you must accompany your child to the top gate as we cannot take responsibility for them until they come through the gate where a member of the Senior Team will be on duty.
- Many children in Year 6 begin to walk to and from school by themselves. Please make staff aware of this as soon as you can in September.

Summer Home Learning

Our main focus in Autumn Term will be Michael Morpugo as we shall be studying the novel 'War Horse.' Your summer home-learning is linked to the theme of this novel. The poppy is a symbol of remembrance. You need to design a poppy that should be roughly the size of your hand span. We want you to be as creative as possible when designing your poppy and you can choose whatever material you wish to work with!

Dates for diaries

5<sup>th</sup> September - children return to school.  
13<sup>th</sup> September - Y4, 5, 6 drop in for your child to show you their new classroom and meet staff 3-4pm.  
13<sup>th</sup> September - Roald Dahl Dress-up Day fundraiser.  
**Theme: an animal from a Roald Dahl book or poem.**  
28<sup>th</sup> September - Individual photograph day  
9<sup>th</sup> October - Astley Burf  
10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance service 9:15am  
20<sup>th</sup> November - Learning Journey Night  
21<sup>st</sup> November - Open Evening 3:15 - 5:30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> November - Open Evening - 5:00 - 7:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Fayre - 3pm  
12<sup>th</sup> December - Y5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert -6:00pm