

### Welcome back!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. It is lovely to see the children back in school. Everyone is looking so smart in the Ladywell uniform.

### Staffing

#### Our staffing this year is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
P1	Mrs Horne
P1/2	Mrs Carton/ Mrs Bamford
P2	Miss Steel/Mrs Wells (formerly Miss Paton)
P2/3	Mr Colquhoun
P3	Mrs Fraser/Mrs White
P3/4	Miss Taylor
P4	Miss Bowie
P5A	Miss Cullen
P5B	Mrs Hutchison/ Miss Kennedy
P6A	Mrs MacDonald
P6B	Miss Jessimer
P7A	Miss Luxton/ Miss Conway
P7B	Miss Devine

The following teachers will provide support for learning:  
Miss Clemente, Miss Mulvey, Mrs Kennedy

Mrs Hunter and Mrs Wells will work with classes throughout the school, providing teachers with Non-Class Contact time.

Our Support Staff this session are Mrs Anderson, Mrs Cameron, Miss Laikowski and Mrs Gibson.

### Structure of the Day

School starts for all children at **8.55am**.

This session, P1 children will have morning playtime at 10.00am. All other children will have their morning break at 10.30am.

Lunch times are as follows:

P1-P4 - 12.00-12.45pm

P5-P7 - 12.45pm-1.30pm

Our curriculum in P1 is play based and a lot of time is spent in our outdoor area.

Each afternoon the children enjoy a short break, where the teacher reads a story and the children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit as a snack.

Please provide a piece of fruit each day for this purpose.

As children move on into P2 and beyond, their learning is more class based.

All classes regularly engage in outdoor learning and have the opportunity to spend additional time in our P1 outdoor play area as well as the main grounds of the school.

Children in P2 and beyond do not have a formal break in the afternoons, so there is no need to provide an additional snack.

### Indoor Shoes

Last session we had new carpets fitted throughout the school.

To help keep the carpets in good condition please provide your child with a pair of indoor shoes to wear in class. Black plimsolls or trainers are suitable. Slippers are not allowed.

### End of the Day Procedures

As you know, our children exit the school from three different gates. Please note which gate your child will exit from, as this may be different to last session.

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Gate</u>
P1,P1/2, P2, P7A, P7B	Teachers will bring children to the gate at the top of the lane.
P2/3, P3, P3/4, P4	Teachers will bring children out the gate at the side of the dining room and round to the front door. Parents are welcome to stand in the car park area, however please ensure your children do not run through or around the cars.
P5A, P5B, P6A, P6B	Teachers will bring children to the gate on Ladywell Road.

### If you require your child to pick up a sibling and exit from a different gate, please let the class teacher know.

Please note, at the end of the day only the parents of P1 children are allowed in to the playground.

### Morning Drop Off

Please do not drop your child at school any earlier than **8.45am** unless they are attending breakfast club. There is no adult presence in the playground until 8.45am. Children who attend Breakfast Club should enter the gate at the side of the dining room and walk round the side of the building. Breakfast Club opens at 8.15am

**Parents are not allowed to enter the playground in the morning, unless dropping a child at Breakfast Club.**

### Diary Dates

#### Meet the Teacher

Parents will be offered the opportunity to meet their child's teacher on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. There will be two sessions and parents are welcome to attend either one.

Session 1 - 3.15pm-4.00pm

Session 2 - 5.30pm-6.15pm

You are welcome to bring your child and spend some time with them in class, however please note that teachers will not be giving updates on learning at this time.

#### Face to Face Parent Appointments

There will be two opportunities throughout the session to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Details will follow nearer the time.

### Holiday Dates

**September 2023** September weekend: Friday 22 September and Monday 25 September 2023 (inclusive)

**October 2023** October week: Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023 (inclusive)

**November 2023** In-service day: Monday 13 November

**December 2023 - January 2024** Schools close: Friday 22 December 2023 at 2.30pm  
Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024 (inclusive)

**February 2024** Mid-term break: Monday 12 February and Tuesday 13 February 2024  
In-service day: Wednesday 14 February 2024

**April 2024** Schools close: Thursday 28 March 2024 at 2.30pm  
Spring holiday (Easter): Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2024 (Inclusive) Good Friday 29 March Easter Monday 1 April 2024

**May 2024** In-service day: Thursday 2 May 2024 (to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)  
May holiday: Monday 6 May 2024  
May weekend: Friday 24 May 2024 and Monday 27 May 2024 (inclusive)

**June 2024** Schools Close: Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 1pm

### Class Assemblies

Dates for Class Assemblies have still to be confirmed.

### Parking

Please use the drop off area when dropping or collecting your child from school.

The area around the school is extremely busy at the start and the end of the day.

**We all have to work together to keep all children safe.**

### Data Forms

Please return data forms as soon as possible and if any contact numbers change throughout the session, Parent Council Meeting/ PTA Meetings

Please remember that all parents are welcome to join our Parent Council/PTA meetings.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for the Parent Council and 7.15pm for the PTA. Our first meetings of the session will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

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