



# NEWSLETTER



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## Message from Mrs Hird

Welcome back! It has been lovely seeing our children and families back in school this week. The relaxing of the restrictions has enabled us to resume whole school assemblies and the children no longer need to sit in rows, all of which has helped to re-establish the family feel that we pride ourselves on. Our new Reception pupils have settled in fantastically and there has been lots of laughter and learning across the whole school.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Sellers and Lucy Foster to the team. As you will know, Mr Sellers is our new Teacher in Charge and Oak class teacher. Lucy has joined us as a teaching assistant in Acorn class.

We have updated our risk assessments in light of the latest COVID updates, details of which can be requested from the office or viewed on the website. We are also very excited at the prospect of welcoming parents back into the school building and have several events planned for the coming months, which we will announce shortly.

As always, if you have any comments or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff on the playground, telephone the office or send an email.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hird

## Change in circumstances

We are conscious that family circumstances may have changed over the summer holidays. If there is anything that we need to know or any support we can provide to your child or the wider family, please contact us in confidence via [headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk) or by speaking to a member of staff. If your financial/employment position has changed, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding, details of which can be requested from the office.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **94.37%**, so below our target of at least **97%**.

## News from the Classes

Wow - What a fabulous start to our new term and new school year for the **Acorns!**

Everyone has come back to, or started, school in the best way possible, arriving on time with a big smile on their face and joining in with activities and learning wonderfully. Well done to each and every one of you!



**Star of the week** needs to go to the **whole class** for this very reason, but especially to our new starters who have been exceptional for all three days.



Next week, after all of the individual reading assessments have been completed, children will be bringing home a reading scheme book to share with you as often as possible. Today they have chosen a book from our school library which needs to be returned by next Friday please.

The **Oaks** have also made a really good start to the new school year with the Year 3 settling in well and Year 6 enjoying their new responsibilities!

They have looked at the book "Maybe," started Maths and English and the full Timetable will resume next week.



**The Oaks are all Stars of the Week** for being ready for learning and being kind to each other.



### PE Kits and Outdoor Learning

Please bring PE kits in on Monday and they will remain in school until sent home.

All children can continue to come to school dressed in their outdoor learning clothes every Wednesday.

### Curriculum Maps

Please find attached this Term's Curriculum Maps for your information.

### Reading at Home

It is wonderful to see that so many of our children have been reading regularly at home over the summer. Reading is a crucial part of a child's education as it underpins and offers a secure foundation for your children to flourish and learn across all areas of the curriculum. Thank you for your continued support with sharing books with your children and ensuring they are reading regularly at home. We recommend that children are reading 5 times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes which should be recorded in their reading record, so staff members are able to discuss and celebrate the effort your child is putting into their independent reading.

### Nurture conference

On Tuesday, all the staff, governors and trustees from across our Trust were invited to a Nurture Conference at Raven Hall. The day featured several truly inspiring speakers who shared their experiences around the six Nurture Principles, shown below. Whilst many of these aspects are already central to our practice in school, we are keen to develop our skills and strategies further to enhance the wellbeing of everyone within our school community. More details about our Nurture approaches will follow as the year progresses.



### PTFA Coffee Morning - Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September

The Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday, 18th September from 10am to 12 noon is to raise funds for our PTFA. Any offers of help on the morning, baking and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated please! Raffle prizes can be left at school or taken on the morning. Thank you.

### My Child At School (MCAS) Parent Portal - New Parents

Information has been emailed out to our new parents this morning with instructions on how to set up account details etc. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Blacklock if you have any problems.

### Dinner Money Price Increase

Oak parents were emailed on Wednesday notifying them that the price of a school meal has increased by 10p a day to £2.60 (£13) per week. This is due to an increase from the suppliers but we are sure you will agree that this is still excellent value for money!

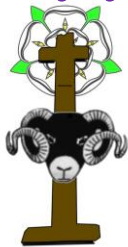
Acorn pupils continue to receive a "Universal Free School Meal."

### Breakfast "Early Birds" Club

Breakfast Club continues to run every morning and you are able to book your child /children in for any day of the week, either as a regular booking or a one-off, by telephoning or emailing Mrs Blacklock. The club runs from 8am every day and includes a range of fun activities. Cost is £3.50 (including breakfast) from 8am or £1.75 from 8.30am.



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For regular bookings payment should be made each week (or for more than one week at a time) by "buying" the relevant number of sessions, under "Products," on MCAS. Thank you.

## Music Lessons with Alix Lillie

Music lessons with Alix Lillie will be starting next week and are now on a **Tuesday**, at a cost of £7.50 per lesson. Alix is able to offer lessons in piano/keyboard, guitar, ukulele, voice, recorder, harp, drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone, accordion and penny whistle. She should have a few slots available so if your child is interested please contact Mrs Blacklock for details.

## Breaktime Fruit/Drinks

At morning break, pupils in Acorn class are encouraged to have a piece of fruit or vegetable provided by the Schools' Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Sometimes there may be enough to offer some to Oaks as well! Children in all year groups are welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home for a snack. A drink is available for all children (orange/apple juice or milk) at a cost of 25p. Children in Reception are able to have a free drink of milk until the end of the week in which they turn five.

Drinks are paid for online through MCAS – under "Products" listed down the left. You can pay for as many as you wish at a time and Gaby keeps a record of when children get a drink from her, so we can let you know when more need "buying." Thank you.

## After School Clubs commencing next week

Everyone should have received a letter by email this morning detailing the After School Clubs which will commence next week. Please complete the online form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/whvGTiNkF> (one for each child) indicating which clubs your child/children would like to attend. If you would like a paper copy of the form for completion please contact Mrs Blacklock.



We have registered our school on the Morrisons "It's Good to Grow" programme to receive free gardening equipment! This is running from 6<sup>th</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> October and a token is received for every £10 spent in store or online. The MyMorrisons app needs to be downloaded to take part.

## Next Week

**Tuesday**

**Music Lessons** with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.  
**"Signing"** after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

**Wednesday**

**All pupils Outdoor learning.** Children to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing.  
**Gardening** after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

**Thursday**

**Choir** after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

**Friday**

**PE for all pupils.**  
**Multi Sports** after school. Finish time 4.15pm