



Dear parents/carers,

A huge welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a brilliant summer holiday.

Lots of fantastic things have happened during the first week back!

Nursery have had an amazing start to their school journey. It has been lovely to see their big, smiley faces each morning. They've had lots of fun exploring the classroom, enjoying the outdoor area and reading stories together. What an amazing start!

The children in our Reception class have had a super start to their first term in school. They have been busy exploring the new environment and making new friends.

It has been wonderful meeting all of the new year 1 pupils this week and we've had a very busy few days! The children arrived to find a huge cave and some intriguing paintings of prehistoric animals! They did some fantastic writing about their holidays, developed their counting skills in maths and had time to make pictures and models with friends. We are very proud of how they have all settled into their new class!

What a fantastic start to year 2 they have had! It has been a lovely soft start to the year: learning routines, fabulously tidying up after our play sessions, understanding and testing out new changes to the school timetable. They arrived so beautifully each morning and quickly settled into their reading activities- it has created a lovely calm start to the day. They've begun their water protectors topic and made a river for their vocabulary and sentences, telling us why we should look after water.

We've had a fantastic first week in year 3! It can be quite overwhelming to learn all the new routines when moving upstairs but the children have adapted incredibly well. They had a go using their new lined writing books for the first time and created self-portraits inspired by Henri Matisse as our start of the year Art project.

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the year! They began by sharing our summer adventures in writing, using fronted adverbials and rich descriptions, while also taking great pride in our presentation and handwriting. In PSHE, they explored the *Zones of Regulation* — thinking about their emotions and how to return to the green zone—and started creating a Class Charter guided by the Rights of the Child. To round off the week, they enjoyed a fantastic team-building challenge, using their communication skills and logic to see who could build the tallest paper tower from just 30 sheets of paper!

Year 5 have settled into life in upper key stage 2 very well! They have already made some array cards ready to be used in maths lessons throughout the year, created some 'pop art' style self-portraits and discussed which articles to include in their class charter. They are looking forward to a positive year ahead.

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to their first week back. They've jumped straight in with routines, expectations, rights and responsibilities. The focus for learning has been getting familiar with the timetable and practicing the presentation of work during English and Maths. The class also created some fantastic abstract self-portraits and had a wonderful first forest school session. Top job Y6, keep it up!

A ParentMail was sent out yesterday with the dates of welcome meetings for each class. The meetings will take place at 3.20pm, after school has finished.

As we approach Autumn and the weather becomes more unsettled, a reminder that all children need to bring a coat with them to school every day.

Please be aware that on Sunday there will be a national emergency alert test at 3.00pm. An alert will be sent to all phones and tablets. Do not worry, it is a test in case of an emergency. Please see the leaflet attached for more information.

Unfortunately, we have already received a complaint from a local resident about the way parents are parking at drop off and pick up. This mainly concerns the junction of Marmion Drive and Vicars Road. Please be respectful of our neighbours by not blocking driveways and please do not park on double yellow lines. With the incident this week an emergency vehicle would not have been able to access the area should they have needed to and this absolutely must not be the case.

Have a good weekend.

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE                                | EVENT  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September    | Reception, Y5 & Y6 welcome meetings 3.20pm           |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September   | Y2 & Y3 welcome meetings 3.20pm                      |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September | Nursery welcome meeting 3.20pm                       |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September   | Y4 welcome meeting 3.20pm                            |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September  | Y1 welcome meeting 3.20pm                            |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September  | Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am                   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September | Y5 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am                   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September  | Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am                   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October   | Y1 harvest service, St Clement's Church 9.15am       |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | Nursery & Reception parent open mornings 8.45-9.30am |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October      | PTA Hi-Tea 2-4pm                                     |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October     | Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am                   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October     | Y6 class assembly                                    |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October    | Parents' evening                                     |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October  | Parents' evening                                     |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October     | School closes for half term                          |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November     | School reopens for Autumn 2                          |

### Office reminders

- Link for details of a special film being shown at the Edge Theatre suitable for families as part of Chorlton Pride <https://www.edgetheatre.co.uk/chorlton-pride-at-the-edge/>