



September 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new families/children! I hope you've had a great summer and a big thank you from me for all the lovely gifts at the end of last term.

We welcome Miss Leaman as the new Willow Class teacher. Oak and Willow have swapped classrooms with Miss Perkins teaching Y2 & Y3 in Willows old classroom, re named as Oak! Mrs Finch joins us as a TA in Birch Class and as a mid-day supervisor, Mrs Lowe is a new Breakfast Club Supervisor. Breakfast Club is available 5 mornings and After School Care Monday –Thursday, starting tomorrow. Other clubs start next week. **Clubs-** Please complete the attached sign up slip. **When your child's place is confirmed please pay online.** Clubs run from 3.20- 4.20pm. Thank you. Sports Clubs will be subsidised using the Sports Premium.

It is lovely to see so many children looking smart in their school uniforms. The correct school uniform and PE kit is expected please, and I suggest PE kits remain in school until your child's timetable is confirmed. **Please make sure uniform is named.**

Timetables and information regarding the new curriculum will be provided in our Meet the Teacher Sessions on Tuesday 17th at 3.30pm and again at 4pm should you be able to come along. Children are welcome too. Otherwise the information will be coming home the following day.

Can I remind parents/carers that only absences for **essential** medical/dentist appointments in school hours will be authorised and we must have a copy of the appointment letter **in advance** please. We discourage term time holidays and we will follow our school attendance policy should a holiday request be received. This could result in Suffolk County Council issuing fines for both parents.

Safeguarding and Early Help. If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, please get in touch to arrange a meeting. I as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Miss Perkins as the Alternate Lead, would be happy to arrange this. Or speak to your child's class teacher but also look at our website. Just some of the things we can offer include, nurture club, Drawing and Talking sessions with your child, CBT, wellbeing days, external agency support such as CAF, and behaviour support through CISS.

Home School Agreement and Reading Pledge – please sign and return the data collection sheets heading your way asap please. Also note that the Home School Agreement has been updated and we are looking for parents to agree to a daily Ten-Minute Reading Pledge with their child. We can talk more about our approach to writing, and reading in our Curriculum Meetings on the 17th.

Skip 2b Fit – we will be introducing a daily skipping challenge for all children very shortly, this will help improve fitness, wellbeing and provide a personal challenge. There will be an opportunity to come along to the skipping workshop on the 24th September. Please see Key Dates overleaf and our website for more information.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harkin

Key dates so far-

6th Sept FOCSA Coffee morning

9th Sept' Clubs/Breakfast and ASC start

11th September Balance Bikes for our Reception children

17th 2.45pm New Lime Class parent's phonics meeting

17th Sept' 3.30pm & 4pm Meet The Teacher meetings

24th Whole School Skip 2B Fit day – 2.50pm Parent assembly

24th 6.30pm FOCSA AGM

27th Cross Country Competition for Birch Class

1st October harvest collection for Bury Food Bank

3rd October – Birch Class trip to the Space Centre

15th October Whole School Music Workshop, 2.50pm Music assembly to parents

18th *October PD day*

21st October – Half term

28th/29th Parent evenings

30th October Macmillan Coffee Morning

13th Nov' School Photos (pre-school siblings from 8.30am)

18th Nov – class assembly's week, parents invited

21st Nov' Flu immunisation program- whole school

6th Dec' Y6 to Thurston – Christmas concert and lunch

11th/12th December - Whole school nativity performance

13th Christmas lunch* for all (*TBC)

16th Dec' Whole school trip to the panto – morning

19th Dec- Last Day

New spring term starts 6th Jan' 2020