

Welcome back

Welcome back and happy new year to all of our parents and pupils. We welcome new staff; Mrs Rourke, who will be teaching in Wrens in a job-share with Mrs Marshall, and Mrs Close who will be teaching in KS2. Mrs Vincent is our new Deputy Head and will continue to teach her groups in the morning, whilst Mrs Close will teach Kestrels in afternoons.

Keeping us up to date

Teachers are always available to meet with parents after school, but if you think that you need more than a few minutes, then it would be a good idea to make an appointment. Please try and avoid lengthy conversations with teachers before school as staff are busy getting lessons ready for pupils.

Mrs Vincent is Key Stage Leader for Wrens, Magpies and Swallows. Miss Bramley is Key Stage leader for Robins, Skylarks, Herons and Kestrels. Please address any queries to your child's class teacher at the first instance. If you have any further queries, please contact either Mrs Nicholson or Miss Bramley.

School newsletter

Don't forget that we are no longer sending paper copies of the newsletter home. Email copies will continue to be sent via ParentMail and it will be on the school website.

A paper copy of the newsletter will be placed on the noticeboard outside the front door for those parents without access to the internet.

Prepare2Cook

Forest Heath Council will soon be running a project to get children cooking. Prepare2Cook is a cookery school that will run classes for children aged 6 – 19 years teaching them the basic skills of cooking. They will be holding 2 classes for children aged 6-14 at Brandon Leisure Centre on Saturday 25th January between 10am – 12pm and again between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. At each class there will be 10 FREE places available.

If you would like to nominate your child/children to attend this class please call in at the school office. The class will deliver a short talk on health and safety in the kitchen, how to use and handle knives in the kitchen and they will prepare 2 dishes that the children will be fully engaged in and will chop, mix, stir and decorate. They can either choose to take their finished products home or eat them at the event.

Building work

Over the Christmas break, we had the great news that planning permission has been granted for our new extension. This will be a major development for Glade, and will start with the demolition of the swimming pool next month.

Very soon, builders will be erecting a compound around the swimming pool area. This will mean that Wrens will have a temporary path laid to go around the compound. From this week, Wrens will line up in the playground and be taken to class by their teachers. Parents should remain on the playground.

There will be a certain amount of disruption but we expect the extension to be finished by Christmas 2014, and ready for January 2015.

School uniform

All children are required to wear our school uniform. We ask that all pupils wear full school uniform, as wearing smart uniform helps the children take pride in their school, and in doing so, take pride in their own work, learning and behaviour. Please make sure that any uniform you buy fits with our uniform list.

All children **must** have a school sweatshirt or cardigan. Sweatshirts and cardigans, as well as other items of school uniform can be ordered from our supplier, www.schooluniformsplus.co.uk and are delivered direct to your home.

Please note that a plain navy jumper/cardigan without the school badge is not acceptable. The only jumpers/cardigans permitted are school ones.

Boys

Grey or black trousers (or shorts in Summer term)
White or light blue shirts/polo shirts (with a collar)
Black, grey or blue socks

Girls

Grey or black skirts or trousers
White or light blue shirts/polo shirts (with a collar)
Black, grey, blue or white socks or tights
Blue check or blue stripe summer dresses

Footwear must be **plain black shoes or trainers**. They must be plain black with no other coloured markings; flat or nearly flat and suitable for your child to run about in the playground. Laces should be black to match the shoes.

PE Kit

Black shorts and white T-shirt.
A change of plimsolls or trainers for outdoor work. Trainers should have adequate tread to ensure a good grip.
Plain tracksuit to go over the PE kit during cold weather.

Hair & Jewellery

Hair **must** be tied up in PE. Children must not have extreme hairstyles such as mohicans or hair with shaved sections.

The only jewellery permitted at school is one small stud earring in each ear. No other jewellery is allowed.

End of the school day

Please ensure that your child is collected at the correct time at the end of the day (3.15pm). We have had more and more children being collected late from school, and whilst a few minutes may not seem like much, it creates organisational difficulties for staff as we don't always have staff to supervise when children are collected late. There is also a cost to school when support staff stay after school to look after children.

Whilst, we all appreciate that there will be an occasional emergency that makes you late, this should be very rare. We had a number of occasions last term when parents were regularly late collecting their children after a club. This causes disruption for staff and makes them late leaving school to get to their own families. For this reason, we reserve the right to remove children from clubs if they are collected late on more than 2 occasions.

Clubs

We will be changing our clubs a little this term. We are no longer be working with First Step Sports and so we will be changing our sports clubs that run in lunchtimes and after school. Unfortunately, the take-up for after school sports clubs has been very low with only a handful of children per club. As we have had to pay to run these clubs, this is not a good use of our funding, so we will be running a different range of clubs that will hopefully appeal to a wider audience. Further details will be sent out tomorrow.

Attendance

Please remember that school starts at 8.50am prompt, and all arrivals after that time are marked as late. Arrivals from 9.05am onwards are marked as "Unauthorised Absence". Government rules now mean that non-medical absence will now almost always be unauthorised.

Please remember to phone us if your child is unwell and absent from school. You should also send in a written note when they return, detailing why they were absent. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they need to have **48** hours clear before returning to school.