



Dear Parents,

It has been great to welcome everyone back to school this week! We have all spent the week settling into new classes and getting used to new routines for the year. During the week we also had a shared text that all classes used as the focus of some their lessons. The book, 'In our hands', is a colourful picture book that encourages children to stop the 'dulling' and understand that it is up to them to create a better future.

In our collective worship this week, we compared the new school year to wearing new shoes which take a bit of getting used to and wearing in. We spoke about the changes in school and how we will all be adapting to new things and helping each other as we do. We have also started discussing the value of Love and spoke about the different types of love as well as some of the ways in which love can be shown.

As part of the changes this year, in addition to the new uniform policy, we also have a new Relationships and Behaviour Policy which is attached to this email. I will be holding a parents' forum on Wednesday 20th September in the Percy Collett at 2:45 with a focus on the Relationships and Behaviours Policy for any parents that wish to ask any questions.

As part of our afterschool provision, for this term we have football club on a Monday and a new activators club on Thursdays, both sessions finish at 4:15. If you wish to sign your child up for either of these clubs, you can do this through eduspot CAST booking. The activators club involves fun, accessible games to help the children be more active, and build teamwork skills.

Peripatetic music lessons will start next week as well as our Year 5 Brass sessions which will be on a Friday. We also have our new lunchtime clubs for this term which include a netball club, Harry Potter club and Zumba club.

We are very excited to share that Mrs Henderson and her husband welcomed a Beautiful Baby Girl named Emma, both mum and baby are doing well.

Finally, a key reminder to parents of children with inhalers or other medication in school, please hand the medication in to the school office or to the class teachers so that they can be stored in the correct box should it be needed during school time.

Wishing you all a wonderful sunny weekend,

Nadia Gosling

Headteacher Award



Estelle & Emily C.



Well Done!

Our Stars of the Week

Asher

Emily T

Walter

Huxley

Florence

Mackenzie

Tilly

Mia

Ronnie

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is
Year 1 & 2 with:

99% attendance

Whole school attendance

98%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into
school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am
8:30am—8:45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

CAST mobile no: 07395182892

If you would like your child to attend
Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST,
please book a place using the app.

All clubs are open to Reception through
to Year 6 children only. If you could
please try to get your clubs booked by
Sunday for the week ahead, so that
snacks can be arranged. As our num-
bers are increasing, we may not be able
to accept last minute bookings due to
the adult ratio's required.

Please also be mindful of pick up times,
if you are late picking up your child you
will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

Meet the teacher meetings:

From 3:15 – 3:45

Children will be dismissed as usual before
the meetings start.

- Monday Year 3&4
- Tuesday FSU
- Wednesday Year 1&2
- Friday Year 5&6

20th September Parents Forum 2:45

26th September Flu Vaccination programme

9th October Photos - Individual portraits

18th October – Drama worship Reception -
Year 4

18th October - Parents evenings 5-7

19th October -Parents evenings 3:30 – 5:30

20th October End of term

Note from the new recorder and flute teacher:

I am excited to be starting teaching at Charlton-on-
Otmoor primary school this year.

I have space for 2 new groups of recorder students from
year 1 upwards. Lessons are 20 minutes long and cost
£6.40 per lesson.

Families who receive certain income based benefits
may be able to have free lessons. I also teach the flute
from year 3.

For more information and to apply for lessons [Learning
an instrument | Oxfordshire County Council.](#)

FSU

We are so proud of all our children FSU. They coped really well with trying to get themselves changed for PE straight away on their first day! We are settling into routines, practising writing names, choosing, using and then putting away activities they are playing with.

On Thursday afternoon, we had our first Forest School session. It was a big hit including making dens, fairy swings and listening to sounds.



Year 1 & 2

Year 1 & 2 have had a lovely, hot, first week back. Everyone has been exploring their classroom and getting to know one another. We worked together to create our own class rules to follow throughout the year and discussed the importance of being respectful and kind to each other. They all enjoyed their first session of cricket and were tasked with throwing their ball as high as possible and catching it in their hats, tricky but lots of fun. The Year 1's have been very excited about transitioning to breaktimes outside and the Year 2's have been extremely helpful with explaining and showing routines.

It has been a lovely first week back!



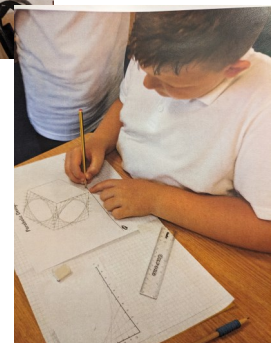
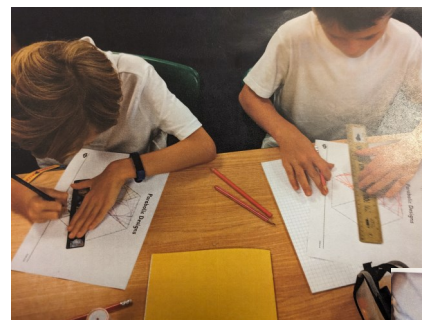
Year 3 & 4

In Year 3&4 we have been enjoying English activities based on the book 'In Our Hands', times tables fun in maths, a Forces experiment in Science and started our Monarchy topic in History. A very busy week with forest school being a particular highlight!



Year 5 & 6

This week Year 5 & 6 have worked so hard to settle into the new classroom and routines. They loved our maths lesson learning about parabolas. We used straight lines to create a curve! It was very therapeutic.



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.