



Head Teacher's Newsletter

Start of the Year 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back—finally! I can only apologise again for any inconvenience caused by the structural issues we had last week. The children are now all safely back in school and we are delighted at how well they have settled into routines.

A very warm welcome to our new Reception class and their families—we are delighted that you have trusted your child into our care. We hope this will be the start of a long and happy relationship with us.

UPDATES ON THE BUILDING

Temporary work on the school building is now complete. Support structures are in place and whilst they are an inconvenience, we are all learning to work around them.

Most classrooms are unaffected and we have temporary classrooms coming for those that are. Most importantly, the building is safe!

The hall is out of use and can be accessed only as a thoroughfare. This is not ideal as it affects so many aspects of school life. We are looking at alternative venues for the delivery of PE lessons and we will hold assemblies in classrooms. We do have a temporary hall coming that will be housed on the Key Stage 2 playground. Once this is in place, we will be able to host coffee mornings and other events so we can get our school community together again.

Work to permanently fix our hall roof will begin in October—let's pray for a dry winter so that we can get our hall back as soon as possible!

Thank you for your patience in the last few days as we navigate this difficult situation. Some slight inconvenience is certainly a better option than home/online learning in my opinion; I hope you agree.

UNIFORM

Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart in their new uniforms. Please don't forget that we have a 'nearly new' uniform shop available where good quality items can be bought for a small donation.

TEXT MESSAGING

Texting is our most common form of communication with parents. Please keep an eye out for messages. Please do not reply to text messages— we are unlikely to receive them. Please contact school by telephone if you have a message or query.

We are all looking forward to a happy and productive year for our school family.

Together, we can do great things!

Mrs Lightbown

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