

Welcome Back!

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The Head's Update

Dear All,

I am sure you will agree that the school year 2019 wasn't the one that we all had planned. For some families, it is a time since we have been together.

In the summer term, we had children in from FS, Y1 and Y6 alongside key worker children. I would like to say well done to all of these children as they settled into school really well showing the enthusiasm for Greenmeadow which we love in our children.

Unfortunately, I was ill at the end of the term and missed seeing the children off onto the holidays. I would like to pass on my best wishes to all of the children who have left us and wish them the success they deserve on their next steps.

On Wednesday the 2nd, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school – all of the staff are really excited about seeing the children again and welcoming those who are new to the school.

In this newsletter there is a selection of information that you may find useful for helping your child come back to join us. Please also know that all the staff are here to support both the children and our families. Our class emails will be open if you have any specific questions or want to share anything with your child's new teacher.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon

Mrs Mackinnon



Ideas for helping your child at the start of term

1.

Start to talk to your child about coming back to school – remind them of the things that they enjoyed

2.

Together collect the items that your child will need for school

3.

If there is time, you could have a practise walk to school

4.

Talk to your child about the friends that they are looking forward to seeing

5.

Get into the routine of bedtime and get up times

6.

Look at the school dinner menu – are there meals you would like to order?

7.

Reassure your child that it is ok to have a range of feelings about coming back to school – give your child time to talk about how they are feeling

8.

Get any medication, such as inhalers, that your child will need to take to the school office

9.

Talk to your child about the new routines for school such as the one way system for drop off

10.

Remind your child that we are all looking forward to seeing them ☺

Welcome to new members of the team

Our Staff Team

This year we are looking forward to welcoming some new members to our team.

Mrs McDonald is joining us as our deputy Headteacher and will also be teaching in Year 3; Miss Roberts was with us in FS last year and is now moving to work in Year 1; Miss Waterfield is joining us in Year 2 and Mrs Vaughan is joining our senior team, alongside Mrs Sainsbury, as an Assistant Headteacher.

Lunchtime information

How to order a school meal

Having a school meal is a great way for a child to try new foods and to have some of their favourites. Parents need to book lunches using ParentPay online system. Login details will be provided once your child has enrolled. Lunches must be ordered by midnight on the Wednesday the week before so please order in time, if you would like any meals in the first weeks.

Free School Meals

The government offers free school meals to families in receipt of certain benefits. Signing up for free school meals increases the funding that we receive as a school meaning that we have additional funds to spend on supporting our children. Please can we ask for your support by completing the online application to aid us as a school. Anyone in any year group can apply. Even if you are unsure if you are entitled, please apply online to Swindon Borough Council Free School Meals at: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

This can take a little while to come through so it is worth applying as soon as possible.



Remember...

Meals need to be ordered by Wednesday for the next week.

Class Emails

Below is the list of email addresses if you wish to contact your class teacher:

Foundation Stage: Miss Piercy

FS@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 1: Miss Roberts

Year1@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 2: Miss Hirst

Year2a@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 2: Miss Waterfield

Year2b@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 3: Mrs McDonald & Mrs Webster

Year3@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 3/4: Miss Sainsbury

Year3/4@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 4: Mrs Balan

Year4@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 5: Mrs Honey-Wyles

Year5a@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 5: Miss Wiles

Year5b@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

Year 6: Mrs Vaughan

Year6@greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk

These will be being updated at the end of holiday so staff can access them when we come back.



What will my child need to bring to school?

.Please can all children bring / have the following next week:

- Full school uniform – all named please
- Normal school hairstyles and colours
- PE kit
- Any medication needed. If your child needs an inhaler or has medication as part of their care plan, please can this be brought into the school office so that we can complete a register for all medication on site.
- Any reading books or school resources that they have at home.
- A coat – we will intend to go out for play if it is lightly raining
- Items in a small bag
- Packed lunch and water

It is important that children only bring in the items they need to support us keeping the school clean and tidy. Thanks



Premises Updates

What's happened this summer?



Fencing

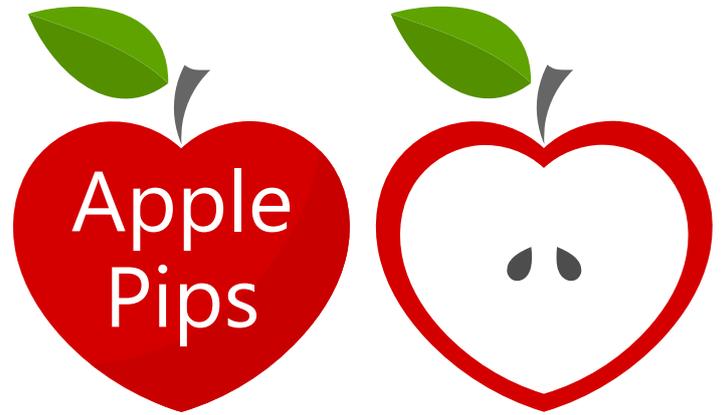
At the back of the school field, we have replaced the school fence. I would like to pass on our thanks to our neighbours who supported us whilst this work was completed.

Footpath at the Front of the School

The footpath at the front of the school is in the process of being replaced and hopefully will be completed by the time we come back.

EYFS Area

In the FS area, we have replaced the flooring surface and have had a new canopy installed. The contractors will be completing this work next week. This is a fantastic development for our FS class as it will allow us to make much greater use of the outdoor space in all weathers. You will be able to see this as you come in through the main gates.



Our Plans for the Year Ahead

We are in the process of developing our plans for the year ahead which we will share with you once they are completed.

Requests for Help

In the FS area, we now have an outdoor kitchen – if you have any suitable kitchen items such as wooden spoons or pots that we can use please let Miss Piercy know as we just need a few items.

Also if you have any outgrown children's welly boots, please let us know as these will help us with our outdoor learning. These can be donated at the school office. Thanks

