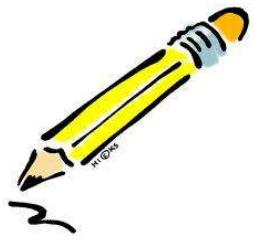




# Great start!



Already the term is well underway with the children settling into their new classes and continuing their learning journeys. There is a fantastic atmosphere in school and the children are doing themselves proud by showing their new teacher's all the brilliant things that they can do. Curriculum newsletters were sent home last week in your child's book bag explaining this terms learning.

If at any point you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, feel free to make an appointment with them. The end of the day is always better for this and teachers will always try to see you as soon as possible. If you would like to talk to myself, please feel free to make an appointment with Mrs Merrington.

Thank you to all parents who have enabled their child to arrive at school on time at 8:45. The children have phonics lessons at the start of each day which is an important part of their learning.

Please note:

**There was an error in last weeks newsletter for term dates. Term 2 starts on Tuesday 31st October. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.**

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

I am pleased to inform you that we have a new school website which can be accessed at [www.oldbrookschool.co.uk](http://www.oldbrookschool.co.uk)

Here you will find up to date information about the school including newsletters, forms, policies and year group pages. Please check it regularly to find out about all the exciting things that are happening in our school. You can also access this on your smart phones.

If you have any comments or would like to see other things added then please let me know.

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## Supervision

Could I please ask that children are supervised at all times before and after school whilst on the school premises and that cycles and scooters are not used on the playground before and after school to ensure everybody's safety. Children may dismount and walk with scooters etc. into the playground Thank you in advance.

## Admissions

Last week children in Year 2 received in their book bags information about transfer to Year 3 in September 2018. **Applications need to be completed online by 15th January 2018.** If you require any further information or support in the on-line process then please speak to Mrs Merrington in the school office who will be able to advise you.

# Attendance



As we begin a new school year it's important that the children come to school every day, having time off school has an impact on learning. As you may be aware the Secretary of State for Education has removed the discretion of head teachers to grant leave during term time. All holidays will be marked as unauthorised and could be subject to a fine of up to £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days. Parents are only allowed to take their children out of school for 'exceptional circumstances' at the discretion of the head teacher.

Please ensure that all holidays are taken within the designated school holiday periods. Term dates for the academic year can be found on the school website.

## Car Parking



Another great start to the term. It's lovely to see so many children and families walking to school. Could I please ask that if you drive your child to school that you do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or across local residents drive ways and park in the designated spaces outside the front of school to ensure that we all work together to keep our children and families safe.

Thank you in advance for your understanding

## School Meals



The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into the routine of having a school dinner at lunchtimes and I am really pleased that the majority of children are continuing to eat as much of their dinner as possible. The children in Foundation are now staying for lunch and with support are beginning to follow lunchtime routines and rules.

The children are praised for following our four lunchtime rules:

- We use our knife and fork to eat.
- We sit sensibly and talk quietly.
- We try to eat all of our hot meal.
- We put our hands up to ask to be excused from the table.

Some children are finding it difficult to use their knives and forks so if you could practice at home then this would be really helpful.