



# School Newsletter

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## Welcome back

I hope that you've all had a wonderful and peaceful summer. It has been genuinely lovely to see all the children coming into school so happy and enthusiastic this week. We're all looking forward to a fantastic year, and in helping your children reach their full potential.

You will have seen that we've finally got a finished playground on the Colleges side, and the children have already been enjoying the new markings. After all the issues with this playground last year, we are all very relieved to see this looking so good and being used so well.

Early next week, you should all be receiving a welcome newsletter from your new class teacher explaining the important details and arrangements for your class. Alongside this you will receive a Curriculum Overview document for the first topic of the year. All of these overviews have been updated for the year ahead, and will be available on the school website from next week.

As we did last year, we will be trying to utilise as many real experiences as possible to make the learning exciting for the children within each topic. This will be a combination of school trips, visiting speakers and bought-in experiences delivered in school. Some of these trips and experiences will again involve a parental contribution for us to afford them, and the Friends of Feoffment will be subsidising trips across the school, as they did last year, to help make it affordable for parents. Hopefully, you will be able to support these and help us provide the most exciting education that we can for your children. As the new year starts, I'd like to formally welcome Mrs Pittom to the school staff. She has been volunteering last year across the school, and now will be working as a TA in KS2 and looking after the school's library.

As always, if there are any issues at the start of the year that you might be concerned about, please come and speak to either myself or Mrs Thompson when you see us at either end of the day.

## Office requests

If you have changed your personal details, address or contact details over the summer break can you please ensure that the office have been informed. It is essential that we are able to contact you easily should there be a need to. Please request the appropriate form for the school office if you need to.

## Jewellery In School

This is just a reminder that we do not allow jewellery to be worn in school. The only exception to this is earring studs and watches. Teachers will ask children to remove all other jewellery if seen in school. Therefore, please discourage this from home.

We also don't want children wearing smart watches for the same reason that we don't allow mobile phones with pupils during the day.

## Friends of Feoffment News

We will have an AGM for the Friends of Feoffment on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the school hall**. Everyone is welcome, as the more members we have on the committee, the more we can achieve as a group for the school.

Last term the unfortunate cancellation of the summer fete means that we will be looking to run some new fundraising events this term and all ideas will be welcome.

## Roald Dahl Day

We are celebrating the literary works of Roald Dahl at the start of this term, and we will be having a Roald Dahl Day next Friday (**the 13<sup>th</sup> September**). We are asking all of the children to either wear a costume of a character from one of the Roald Dahl books for the day, or to bring in an item from one of his stories. We are asking for a £1 donation on the day, which we will spend on refreshing the number of Roald Dahl books we have across the school for the children to enjoy.

There will also be a Roald Dahl themed lunch on that day, the details of which are at the foot of this newsletter.

## Bury in Bloom Winners

We are delighted to let you all know that the school won the gold award in the schools category of the Bury in Bloom Awards. This is such a triumph for the Gardening Club, who have worked so hard to create such a lovely space in one of our few green spaces.

The judges informed us with the following comment: 'we thoroughly enjoyed looking at your amazing garden and what the children had done. It really was a pleasure. We look forward to seeing you for the presentation afternoon'. We can't wait either, particularly as we will now progress to a regional final! Below are some ecstatic members of the club.



## House Points Trophy

Congratulations the Emeralds house for winning the first week's House Point Trophy of the year.



## Clubs this half term

We are offering an exciting range of clubs this half term for the children, both using school staff and external providers. Booking details to come via the school office.

### On Mondays:

KS1 indoor football - before school, Years 1 and 2  
Guildhall Gossip Club at lunchtime for Y5 and 6  
Photography Club at lunchtimes for Years 4-6  
Tennis Club for Years 3-6 after school

### On Tuesdays:

Dance Club before school for Years 3-6  
Spanish Club at lunchtimes for Year 4  
Coding Club at lunchtimes for Year 5  
Dodgeball for Years 3-6 afterschool  
Art Club (KS1) afterschool

### On Wednesdays:

Archery Club before school for Years 1-6  
Gardening Club at lunchtimes for Years 4-6  
Art Club (Y5/6) afterschool

### On Thursdays:

KS2 Indoor football before school, Years 3-6  
Embroidery Club lunchtimes Year 5  
Stop-frame Animation Club, lunchtimes Years 4 to 6  
Lego Club afterschool for Years 3 and 4  
Choir afterschool for Years 3-6  
Gymnastics Club afterschool

### On Fridays:

Multi-Sports before school for Years 1-6  
Board Games Club at lunchtimes for Years 3-6  
Basketball Club afterschool for Years 3-6



# ROALD DAHL DAY MENU

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Mr Fox's Chicken Dippers and Chips

The Twits' 'Wormy' Noodles (v)

The Enormous Crocodile's Vegetables -  
snap them up before he snaps you!

George's Marvellous Salad Bar

Willy Wonka's Fabulous Fizzbang  
Chocolate Cake

Cold packed lunch  
available and  
dietary  
requirements  
catered for.

## Young Carers

If you feel that your child is a Young Carer, and the school is not currently aware of this, then please contact Mrs Thompson. She will then enable them to access the Young Carer support and opportunities within the school.

## Changes to School Assemblies

As the new school year starts, we have been looking into how to create the most productive learning time for the children. As part of this we are changing how some of our assemblies are delivered.

From now on, Monday and Tuesday assemblies will be delivered to KS1 and KS2 separately just before their respective breaktimes. We will still come together as a whole school for singing assemblies on Thursdays, awards assemblies on Fridays and occasional special events. We feel that this change will mean that at the start of the week the children will be able to come straight in and have their first lessons when they are at their freshest.

## Applying for Secondary Schools

Can I please draw to the attention of all Year 6 parents, the need for you to very soon be applying for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child. Early next week, please look out for a letter regarding this from the school office explaining more. The application deadline is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

## Early Morning Interventions

As in previous years, teachers will be offering some intervention group sessions before school. These will be targeted at pupils who will benefit most from them, either to support catch-up or to consolidate learning. Class teachers will contact you directly to invite your child to attend these sessions. They will all run between 8.25 and 8.45am and will be led by an adult that the children know. Last year these sessions were really helpful in assisting children in keeping up with the standards expected and to catch up on gaps in learning. Please make the most of these opportunities if they are offered to your children.

## Harvest Festival

One of the first school events of the year is always the Harvest festival. We are having our Harvest celebration on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September this year. We are asking parents to donate items and food and household items for the Gatehouse charity again this year. You can send your child in with items on the day or at any point that week from Monday 23rd.



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