



# Welcome Back Newsletter 2017



Welcome back after the Summer break! It was lovely to see all the children arrive back safely today. I am especially proud of the youngest children who have joined us and managed so well today. The children all look so smart in their school uniform and have settled in their new classes. Please can you ensure that the children continue to wear their uniform, it really does support their achievement in school and helps them to feel part of our community. Good work everyone!

Unfortunately, Mrs Buttery is unable to return to work at this point in the term so I will be continuing to lead the school in her absence supported by the leadership team. During her absence, I am pleased that the Local Authority will be offering support to the school.

I look forward to another exciting year working to move our school forward and to sharing lots of new things that will be supporting us to make our school the best it can be. In order to keep you as informed as possible, I will be writing to you each week with an update. We are also looking at using Parentmail to support our communication with you moving forward-we will keep you updated as we get this set up. We are also relaunching our school website very soon.

If you have any questions or queries, please pop in and see me.

Best wishes, Miss Moule

## Year Group Meet the Teachers

Over the next week, each year group will be hosting meet the teacher sessions after school from **3.30-4.00pm**. This will be a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and to find out a bit about what the children will be learning this term and how you could help them over the coming weeks. Foundation Stage will be carrying out home visits and so will speak to you all individually. The dates of these sessions are as follows:

**Monday 11th September-Year One (in Miss Ford's room)**

**Tuesday 12th September-Year Two (in Mrs Norman's room)**

**Wednesday 13th September-Year Three (in Miss Todd/Mrs Bryan's room)**

**Thursday 14th September-Year Four (in Miss Frampton's room)**

**Friday 15th September-Year Five (in Miss Groves' room)**

**Tuesday 19th September-Year Six (in Mr Gordon's room)**

## Uniform

Just a reminder that we do expect all children to be wearing school uniform. School jumpers/fleeces and cardigans are available from the school office. Alternatively, children should wear a dark blue jumper or cardigan. We also sell school polo shirts, alternatively pale blue or white polo shirts or shirts can be worn.

Boys can wear black or grey school trousers or shorts, with black school shoes. Girls can wear a black or grey skirt or pinafore dress, black or grey trousers and in the summer, a blue and white checked school dress

**Black school shoes should be worn.**

All children must have a P.E. kit in school. A t-shirt and shorts/jogging bottoms with plimsolls or trainers should be included. The children will go outside in winter so should be prepared for this. Earrings must be removed or taped for P.E. lessons

## Start of Day

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.50am however classroom doors are open from 8.40am to ensure your child is in and ready for the start of school.

**If children arrive after 8.50am, they will get a late mark.** If children arrive after 9.15am, they will get an unauthorised absence mark for the whole morning.

**All gates will be locked at 9.00am.**

## Homework

You can find out more about homework by attending the meet the teacher events next week. However a brief overview of homework tasks that will be coming home this term are daily reading, weekly spellings and weekly times tables.

There will also be a termly project which comes home linked to the children's learning topics. These will be included on the curriculum newsletters which will be coming home next week following the meet the teacher events. These projects will be celebrated at the end of term celebration events run by each year group. We hope that you will enjoy completing these projects alongside your child.

## Attendance

The school attendance target is 96%. At the end of the academic year 2016-17 our attendance for the whole school sat at 95.4%. This was below the target we set last year. We will be continuing to work with the Education Welfare Officer, Paul Ward, to monitor attendance and we will be meeting with families where attendance is causing us concern. Each week, we will share on the newsletter the percentage attendance for each class. At the end of each half term, the class with the highest percentage will receive £10 to have a class celebration. At the end of the year, there will be an end of year treat for those children with 100% attendance and for the class with the highest attendance.

### Term Dates for Autumn Term 2017-2018

**Monday 11th September**-Year One Meet the Teacher

**Tuesday 12th September**-Year Two Meet The Teacher

**Wednesday 13th September**-Year Three Meet the Teacher

**Thursday 14th September**-Year Four Meet the Teacher

**Friday 15th September**-Year 6 trip to Duxford

**Friday 15th September**-Year Five Meet the Teacher

**Tuesday 19th September**-Year Six Meet The Teacher

**Monday 25th September**-Year 4 trip to Peterborough Museum for Roman Day

**Tuesday 26th September**-Year 5 trip to West Stow

**Tuesday 26th September**-Bug Club launch event for parents (2.30pm/6.30pm)

**Wednesday 27th September**-Year 3 trip to Flag Fen

**Mon - Fri 23rd October - 27th October**-Half Term-School closed

**Mon 30th October**-Staff Training -School closed

**Wednesday 1st October**-Parents Evening

**Tuesday 31st October** -Back to School-School open

**Tuesday 19th December**- Term Ends-Last day of school

**Wednesday 3rd January 2018**-Back to School-

### School Values, Behaviour and Celebration!

Readiness, resilience, respect, responsibility and aspiration are the school values that we work to instil in our learners everyday. These form the basis of our behaviour policy and are what we base our rewards and consequences around.

Each week, there will be a celebration assembly for each key stage. Each teacher will choose a writer of the week, a mathematician of the week and a star of the week (this will be someone who has worked to our school values). Parents will receive an invite on a Wednesday to come and join us on a Friday morning at 9.00 for our celebration assembly. The children will be presented with a certificate and a sticker. The certificates will be displayed for a week in the main entrance before going home. We will also include the names of the children on the weekly newsletter.

From Reception upwards, where children make the wrong choices, there will be tiered approach. All adults in school use consistent language with the children to ensure the children understand that everybody is working to the same policy.

#### Stage One-Reminder

#### Stage Two-Warning

#### Stage Three-Consequence (children will lose five minutes of their free time or time out in Reception). T

his time out could increase to 10 minutes if a child continued to make the wrong behaviour choices. If wrong choices continue to be made, children will be asked to work in a parallel class. If this happens, parents will receive a letter home explaining that this has happened.

Our full school behaviour policy can be found on the school website or a copy can be requested via the school office. Also please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

We know that there will be lots to celebrate this year so look forward to focusing on all the positive behaviour choices and seeing you in our Friday assemblies and end of term celebration events.

## TESCO BLUE TOKENS

**For September, Thongsley are one of the nominated blue tokens in Tesco Huntingdon. Please share with family and friends to help us raise as much as possible.**