



Newsletter
Wednesday 6th September 2023
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Dear Families,

Back to School!

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again when school opens this Thursday at 8.40am. It's very hot at the moment so do send children in with sunhats and apply sun-cream each morning while the good weather lasts.

All the children including Nursery Conkers and morning Catkins children will be coming in through the main gates. Please remind your older children to wait patiently and quietly and to come into school calmly and slowly so little ones do not feel overwhelmed at the start of the day.

Nursery and Reception parents are encouraged to come to the classroom doors with their children although our aim is that Reception children will be coming through the gates independently by the end of September. Reception children will enter their classroom via the gate along the path to the left of the fenced play area and Nursery children via the gate to the right. Don't worry – there will be lots of staff on the playground to direct you.

We encourage children from Year 1 upwards to come into school on their own. While we understand that some Infant children may feel a little overwhelmed on the first couple of days back, by Monday 11th September we will be asking their families to say goodbye at the gates so we can have a prompt, calm and settled start to the school day.

If you need to get a message to staff, please use Class Dojo, speak to someone at the gate or pop round to the front office after you have dropped your child off and we will make sure we get back to you promptly.

The morning nursery sessions finish at 11.45am and the children will leave school via the garden and steps area at the front of school. Afternoon nursery sessions begin at 12.15pm and those children should come into school via the front steps as well. School will finish at 3.15pm for all children. Parents are asked to come onto the playground to collect their children until the end of Year 4. Children in Years 5 and 6 can walk home unaccompanied if permission has been given on the school Arbor app.

Both schools are now nut free

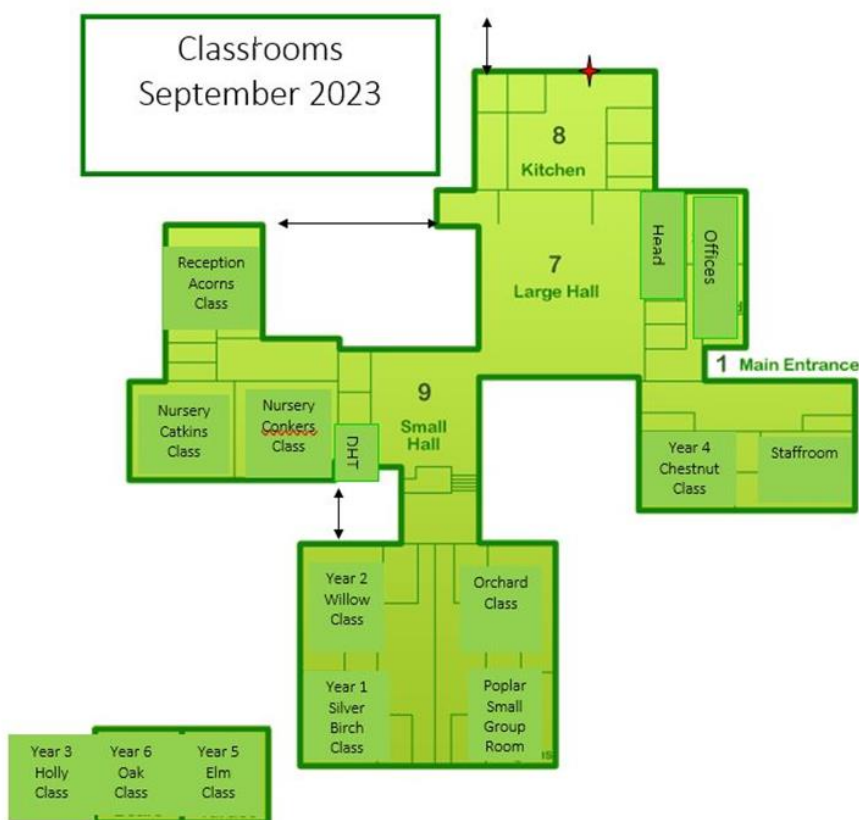
We have two children into the building who have significant nut allergies. We therefore ask that you do not send any food for snacks or packed lunches that may contain nuts or sesame seeds in any form. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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Class Organisation September 2023



Class	Teachers	Support Staff
Nursery Catkins Class	Mrs Kerrie Wood-Doyle	Miss Julie Banner Miss Ylenia Bresciani (p.m.) Mrs Shantelle Forrest (p.m.) Mrs Donna Kenny (a.m.) Mrs Hazel Walmsley (a.m)
Nursery Conkers Class		Mrs Rachel Kennington Miss Charlotte Pearson (a.m.) Mrs Wendy Bruce (p.m.)
Reception Acorns Class	Mrs Katie Andrews (Monday – Wednesday) Miss Rachael Vincent (Tuesday – Friday)	Mrs Katy Clubb: (HLTA) Miss Joanne Crossland
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Mrs Lyn Malik	Mrs Steph Clarke
Year 2 Willow Class	Mr James Sidebottom	Mrs Emma Kidd
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Miss Clare Dangerfield	Mrs Kirsty Taylor Mrs Carolyn Waude



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Year 3 Holly Class	Mrs Jen Parker	Mrs Karen Barton (HLTA)
Year 5 Elm Class	Miss Ashleigh Martin (Monday – Thursday) Miss Lydia Regan (Wednesday – Friday)	Mrs Tracey Delaney Miss Jemma Dixon
Year 6 Oak Class	Miss Emma Brown	Mrs Emily Stanton
Orchard Class	Ms Caroline Sutherland	Mrs Louise Amesbury Mrs Chris Ledwich Mrs Michelle Roscoe (HLTA) Miss Kerry Parkin Miss Dawn Stevenson

Mrs Cath Priestley will be based in Poplar Room and will work across the Primary School supporting small groups and individual children.

Dressing for School – PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!!

Nursery aged children are encouraged to wear their purple sweatshirts to school. Dark coloured joggers and waterproof trainers (Velcro fastenings please!) are ideal for active learning. The children will spend time outdoors each day so do dress them in plenty of warm layers as the weather changes and make sure they always wear a waterproof coat with a hood to school.

Other than in exceptional circumstances which we are happy to discuss with you, we expect all children in Conkers Class to be out of nappies and to be wearing proper underwear to school. We will work actively with you to support the toilet training of children in Conkers and Catkins class with the aim that, again other than in exceptional circumstances, all the children are out of nappies before or by their third birthdays. If we have agreed that your child is not ready to wear proper underwear to school yet, please send them in nappies rather than “pull-ups”. All Nursery children will need to bring spare clothes in a named drawstring bag, including plenty of underwear (and spare nappies if they have not started toilet training), socks and plastic bags for any wet clothes.

From Reception upwards, children are expected to wear full school uniform as outlined below. Completely plain, waterproof, unbranded black trainers make very good school shoes, but do please buy ones with Velcro fastenings until your children can tie their shoe laces independently.

Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece and light blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)
Dark grey long trousers, knee length skirt, knee length shorts or knee length pinafore dress
Sky blue and white checked knee length dress.
Flat, waterproof, plain black shoes or plain, black waterproof unbranded trainers
Whit, grey or black socks / grey or black tights
Waterproof hooded coat.
Flat book bag: plain or with school logo



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Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least knee length and worn with black or grey tights or long white, grey or black socks. Shoes and trainers should be flat, plain black, waterproof and fastened securely on the foot.

PE kit is worn from Year 1 upwards: your child's class teacher will let you know when they have PE lessons.

Plain PE T-shirt (can be in house colours)
Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts with black "skins" underneath
Plain black long-sleeved sweatshirt or fleece with or without school logo
PE training shoes and change of socks
Draw string PE bag: plain or with school logo

Donations of School Uniform, Coats and Shoes.

We would be very grateful for any donations of used school uniform, coats or shoes. We will pass the majority on to Hummingbird's in Glossop and keep some in school for families who would benefit from them. Thank you very much.

School Meals

School meals now cost £3.25 each day: £16.25 each week.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals. Some children from Year 3 upwards may also be entitled to Free School Meals depending on your family circumstances. If you are not sure just contact the school office for more information. Our school dinners are prepared to a very high nutritional standard. If your child brings a packed lunch instead, please follow our healthy eating guidelines below:

What?	How Much
Sandwiches with a protein rich filling (i.e. tuna, cheese, cold meat or plant-based equivalent, egg), pasta or rice salad, filled wraps, pitta bread, crackers and cheese spread etc. NO NUTS PLEASE!	No limit
Fresh and dried fruit and vegetables: carrot sticks, apples, grapes (sliced length ways for young children please to reduce the risk of choking), tomatoes, oranges, plums, cucumber, sweetcorn, raisins, pears, strawberries, raspberries.....	No limit
Dairy food – a plain fruit yoghurt or cheese – or plant based equivalent	One portion
Drinks – plain water, milk or fruit juice	No limit
One snack: i.e. a bag of crisps, a biscuit or cereal bar, a bun or scone, "corner" yoghurt, mousses, jellies etc.	One item only.



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(We will encourage your child to eat their sandwiches and fruit and veg before they eat their snack.)

Fizzy drinks, chocolate bars and sweets should not be included in packed lunches

Kindest regards – see you all tomorrow!

Deborah Meredith

Dates for your Diary	
Thursday 7th Sep 23	Schools open for Autumn Term 1
Monday 18 th September to Wednesday 20 th September	Year 6 Oak Class subsidised residential trip to Whitehall Centre
Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th Oct 23	Year 5 Elm Class subsidised 3-day course at Whitehall Centre (not residential)
Wednesday 11 th October 23	Year 4 Chestnut Class visit to Tatton Park
Friday 13 th October 23	Year 3 Holly Class "Stone Age Dig" workshop in school
Thursday 19 th October 23	Individual photographs for all Nursery and School children.
Friday 20 th October 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 27 th October 2023	Year 5 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 27th October 23	Schools close for Autumn Half term Holiday
Monday 6th November 23	Schools open for Autumn Term 2
Friday 10 th November 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Thursday 16 th November 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Class trip to "Eureka" Museum
Friday 17 th November 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Friday 24 th November 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 1 st December 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 8 th December	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00 noon
Thursday 21st December 23	Schools close for Christmas Holiday
Monday 8th January 24	Schools open for Spring Term 1
Friday 16th February 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th February 24	Schools open for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 7 th February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert



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Thursday 29 th February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Tuesday 19 th March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Manchester Bus Tour
Thursday 28th March 24	<i>Schools close for Easter Holiday</i>
Monday 15th April 24	<i>Schools open for Summer Term 1</i>
Thursday 23rd May 24	<i>Schools close for Half Term Holiday</i>
Monday 3rd June 24	<i>Schools open for Summer Term 2</i>
Tuesday 23rd July	<i>Schools close for Summer Holiday</i>