

## Milborne Message - 3rd September 2021

### Message from Sharon Staddon!



Dear Families,

**Welcome back everyone!**

I hope you all had a fantastic summer break, however you spent it and had some time with family and friends. I think that the last couple of years have reminded us all about how important these special times are together. There wasn't a huge amount of sunshine, but hopefully everyone managed lots of time outdoors.

It has been lovely to see everyone again, all looking forward to new classes and looking smart and ready to learn. Thank you for ensuring that your children have what they need for school and are able to take pride in how they look. I know that this is both hard work and expensive. Please make sure all personal items are clearly named. We try very hard to encourage the children to look after their belongings and to return things to their rightful owners but this is very difficult to do if items aren't named. It's frustrating for us and for you when items go missing.

It was also a very special treat to meet up with most of the 'old year 4s' who came for an afternoon, a day early to perform some of their songs. I hope they have all had a great start in middle school this week. Those with siblings have been filling me in with how it has gone!

**New Reception** class (Rabbits) has now been in school during the week. This week we met the Caterpillars, who have settled in brilliantly. We look forward to seeing the Butterflies on Monday and Tuesday next week. What a special time for them, for you (and for us). It was lovely to see them making new friends, learning new routines and having fun.

**Drop off - 8.45am - Gates will be locked at 8:55am**

Year 3/4	8.45 am lining up in the same way
Year 1/2	8.45 am lining up in the same way
Year R	8.45 am lining up in the same way

**Pick up (as above in reverse)**

Year 3/4	3:00 pm
Year 1/2	3:00 pm
Year R	3.00 pm

Siblings can be dropped off together in Y1-4 and then you walk along, as you have been doing to the Reception class waiting area (near the bike park) if needed or continue following the one way system back out.

**Attendance:-** At this time of year we always send out a reminder of the attendance letter (an updated copy will be available on the website from next week) and reiterate the importance of being in school. It

can be sometimes tricky to work out if your child is well enough to be in school, especially thinking about Covid 19 and colds. You can always give us a ring and we will happily talk it through.

**SAFEGUARDING Training** - All staff will be attending mandatory safeguarding training on the 8th Sept. This means that there will be NO after school club provision for this day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Dates for your diary** We will be sending out an overview of dates for the year next week to help with planning at home, so watch out for that.

**A reminder of PE/OE days when children come to school in their PE uniform:-**

Y1/2                Wednesday and Friday

Y3/4                Monday, Wednesday and Friday

**Reception class**, please bring your PE kit into school on a Monday and be taken home on a Friday for washing. The kit will be used every day at various times, therefore leaving the kit in school will make this easier for parents and children.

Please can I remind you to **drive slowly and carefully** especially in the residential areas surrounding our school for everyone's safety. It was great to see increased use of the drop off zone during the last year. Please continue to use this. It is a great way to encourage independence and to help relieve any congestion in the car park.

If your child has moved from Robins to **Raccoons** you will now need to send a healthy snack/fruit, as they are no longer entitled to free fruit at school. Sometimes we have some left over from KS1 which we share but we can't depend on this being the case.

We are fortunate to have students with us again this year. We welcome **Mrs Holly Brown** in Raccoons for the Autumn and Summer terms. We hope to have other students later in the term from Bath University.

It has already been very busy. I have just completed training today about Skill Builders. This is something we have been trying to do for a while so I am very excited that I will be able to share this with you this year and together we can get it up and running well.

I will also send out a summary of the School Development Plan which outlines the key areas we are working on this year. This is an important document and reflects feedback from Parent, Staff and Pupil questionnaires, and sets the direction for the year.

There will be more information on exciting things taking place in Talk for Writing too. More information to follow later in the Autumn term.

Finally, I am not in school on Monday and Tuesday next week, but if there is anything urgent please contact the office, or email me.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon  
Headteacher