



4th Sept 07

Dear parents,

Welcome to the new school year here at Templefield. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, despite the disappointing weather here at home. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and especially those whose children are starting school for the first time. The year ahead is shaping up to be an exciting one, with new initiatives designed to improve the education for all our children.

We aim to keep you well informed about all that is going on in school for your child, with regular newsletters, these are sent home with the children but can also be found on our website www.templefield-lower.co.uk and a copy of the most recent letter is displayed on the parents noticeboard in the front entrance.

If you have any suggestions which would help to improve the services provided by school please do not hesitate to use the parent suggestion boxes located around the school, in the Ark, Foundation Stage entrance and the front entrance of the main building.

The staff and I are looking forward to working with you to support your child in school. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or members of the Ark team in the first instance.

Values

We continue this term with our work on Values Education. Our value for September is responsibility. We will be exploring this through stories, role play, assemblies, PSHE and RE. Children will be encouraged to take responsibility for themselves, and will learn many of the skills that will support them in this.

We will continue to recognise children making a positive contribution and especially those taking responsibility with our Golden Ticket Reward Scheme.

Morning Routines

The school gate will be open from 8.40am each morning, children should go straight to class, and may be accompanied by parents. The school day starts promptly at 9am and so all parents should leave the classroom and cloakroom areas by that time.

Walking Bus

At the end of last term Mrs Mallams successfully launched our new walking bus. The current route is Canterbury Rd > The Thinnings > Beaumont Rd (park) > School.

All volunteers on the bus are CRB checked, and the route has been assessed for safety by local authority officers. If you are interested in using the walking bus or acting as a volunteer or starting a new route from your area please come along on Friday morning at 9am for a short meeting with Mrs Mallams. Many thanks

International Primary Curriculum

This term we are launching our new International Primary curriculum. This curriculum is designed to make full use of relevant cross curricular links and it also employs a wide range of themes and topics which we hope will motivate and inspire them. The themes to be taught this term are:-

Foundation Stage

Year 1	Seaside & Holidays / Living & Growing
Year 2	Jobs in the world around us / Electricity & London
Year 3	Dinosuars & Time Zones
Year 4	Treasure & Archaeology / Rainforest / Saving the World
Ark	Seaside Holidays / Living & Growing

We will also continue to teach Literacy and Numeracy as discrete sessions each day, as well as promoting the basic skills within the thematic approach.

Dinner Money

Bedfordshire has changed the contract for the provision of school meals from this September. The new company are Eden Foods and as soon as we have menus and information we will make these available to parents. The cost of a school meal is £1.60 per day, £8 weekly. The half term cost is £54.40 (34 days). All meals should be paid for in advance. Cheques to be made payable to Eden foodservice (please put cheque guarantee number on the back of the cheque with your name, address and the date).

Term dates:-

Autumn Term 2007

Tuesday 4th Sept - Thursday 20th Dec
Half term week beginning Monday 22nd Oct
Staff training day Monday 29th Oct

Spring Term

Thursday 3rd Jan - Thursday 20th March
Half term week beginning Monday 11th Feb

Summer Term

Tuesday 8th April - Friday 18th July
Bank Holiday Monday 5th May
Half term week beginning Monday 26th May
Staff training day Friday 27th June

Looking forward to working with you over what promises to be an exciting year in school.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Birch



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