



Welcome from Mrs Quartson

A very warm welcome to the new school year and to the children and parents joining us in our new Reception classes. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break.

I am delighted to see the majority of the children settling in well to their new classes. The Year 3 children are taking their move to the upstairs classrooms in their stride as the ambassadors for our growing school.

I am looking forward to getting to know the children and families over the year. We have many exciting opportunities planned throughout the year where we will be able to meet together.

The staff have worked hard to get everything planned and ready for the children, which I am very grateful for. They are a great team who will care for your children very well.

New Staff at Watling Park

Welcome to our new members of staff. I am sure you join with me in wishing them all the best for their time with us:

Miss Ahern	Mrs Lillywhite	Miss Van Bergen	Miss Sarno	Miss Dunbar
Birch Class	Spanish Teacher	Pine Class	Elm Class	Pear Class

Miss Foe	Miss Tyrell
Office Administrator	Midday Supervisor

The children returned looking very smart in their uniforms and feeling very proud.

As we now have so many more children in school, please ensure **ALL pieces of uniform and PE kit are clearly marked with your child's name.**

Buying a replacement is expensive and we will not know who belongs to items that don't have names on! It can become a bit crazy at PE times trying to sort out who owns what when everything is identical and the children are desperate to get changed.

Please also remember that the only earrings safe to wear at school are studs.

School Aims

We aim to stimulate and inspire our children, develop their interests and equip them with lifelong learning skills through the provision of a broad, rich and exciting curriculum which focuses on developing children's love of learning.

Important notice

School opening time: 8.45am promptly (Anyone arriving after this time is late)

End of school day: 3.30pm (Children will be taken to clubs)

Your child misses important learning if they are late or absent from school.

NB. Fines for lateness and absence will continue to be issued.

We have attached a copy of this year's term dates for your information.

Adults **MUST** let staff know when they are collecting their child at 3.30pm. Please don't call your child to you without letting us know to avoid unnecessary panic for staff. We had a nervous moment on Friday afternoon when a child was there one minute and gone the next. Thankfully they had been collected by their adult who managed to swoop them away while we were dismissing other children.

Meet Your Child's Teacher

We are keen for you to have the opportunity to meet your child's new teaching staff and hear about the expectations and learning they will be doing this term.

Here are the dates we have arranged for the meetings:

Year 3 Monday 17th September at 8.45am in Willow Class

Year 2 Thursday 20th September at 8.45am in Cedar Class

Year 1 Tuesday 18th September at 8.45am in Pear Class

Reception Wednesday 19th September at 8.45am in Elm Class

Apologies that you were not informed of these dates and times last term.

Playground Supervision

With more than 100 extra people on the playground each morning and afternoon now that we have 2 additional classes, please ensure you keep your children close to you and safe.

Polite reminders for behaviour before and after school:

- Keep children off the grass. The weather will begin to get worse and the grass area becomes very muddy.
- Ensure children are not running around as this is how accidents and bumps happen.

Let's start the day safely and with a smile.

Lunches

Our cook, Esperance, has been doing a wonderful job with preparing our lunches and it has been lovely to see so many children enjoying a hot meal at school.

As we grow bigger, we are introducing a slight change regarding lunches. You can now opt to have packed lunch on some days and school dinners on others but you must ensure we know this well in advance.

A letter and form will be going home this week to explain. It is important that you fill in the form and return it urgently so Esperance is able to order the appropriate quantities in preparation for the new system which will start on Monday 24th September.

Remember – every child from Reception to Yr 2 are given a free hot lunch every day. From Yr 3, children will need to pay for lunches unless they show documentation to say they are eligible for free school meals.

Miss Gibbons will get the menu sent out in the next couple of days for your information.

PACKED LUNCHES: There is quite a lot of confusion for the children regarding whether crisps are acceptable in packed lunches.

To make it easier for everyone, we have attached the expectations for packed lunches which was sent out last year. Please also take time to look at the following website for more ideas - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>.

Communication

Our newsletter will be sent out on alternate Mondays. Please look for it in your email.

Please ensure you let us know if you have changed your email/phone number - this is particularly important just in case we need to get hold of you in an emergency.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK:		
Monday 10 th September	Yr 2 swimming starts – children will return at approx. 3.45pm	Yr 2 children & parents
Wednesday 13 th September	Yr 3 swimming starts – children will return at approx. 3.45pm	Yr 3 children & parents
	Reception children being weighed and measured	Reception children
FURTHER AHEAD:		
Monday 17 th September	8.45am - Year 3 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in Willow Class	Yr 3 parents
Tuesday 18 th September	8.45am - Year 1 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in Pear Class	Yr 1 parents
Wednesday 19 th September	8.45am – Reception 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in Elm Class	Reception parents
Thursday 20 th September	8.45am - Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in Cedar Class	Yr 2 parents
Monday 24 th September	Dentist visit for Reception children	Reception children
Wednesday 3 rd October	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents' Evening	All parents & carers
Thursday 4 th October	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents' Evening	All parents & carers
Friday 7 th October	Friends of Watling Park (FoWP) AGM	All parents & carers

HOMELEARNING will be sent home from this week.

Please find a quiet time and place for your child to complete their reading and other tasks.

It doesn't always go smoothly - if it becomes too much of a challenge please speak to your child's teacher for some more ideas.

Don't despair; you are not the alone! It can be like that for everyone at some time.

After School Clubs

After school clubs start this week for Years 1 – 3 and on 24th September for Reception children.

All clubs finish promptly at 5pm. Sunset runs from 5 – 6pm prompt.

Please contact the school using our email: office@watlingparkschool.org.uk