



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.

Messages from Mrs Quartson

- It was wonderful welcoming the children and families back to school after such a long time away for so many. We have missed you all! The children are a real credit to each of you, especially given what they (and you) have all had to deal with since March. Learning is well underway for this term and the staff in Years 1 – 5 have completed their assessments for each of the children to check what they remember and what we need to revisit to support them. It will be a busy year but we are all looking forward to getting things back on track as much as possible.
- A special welcome to all our new families and children in Reception! They began today with a phased start to the term. They have already made a wonderful start at our school and were focusing carefully on the routines today. Most of them were very excited to be at 'big' school and we are looking forward to getting to know each of them.
- Welcome to the new children and families who have joined other year groups also. We hope you will all get to know the school very quickly and we look forward to getting to know you and your child/ren. If you need any information, please don't hesitate to contact the office – the best way is via email as it is so busy at the moment that the phone lines are often engaged currently (office@watlingparkschool.org.uk).
- As we continue to grow, I am sure you join with me to extend a very warm welcome to our new staff and welcome back staff also:
 - ❖ Miss Catarina Camilo in Pine class (Yr 1); Miss Talia Gellman in Cedar class (Yr2); Mrs Jen Silver in Willow class (Yr3); Mr Luke Foster in Ash class and Miss Scurly Dias in Maple class (Yr4) and Miss Ruby Butt in Chestnut class (Yr5).
 - ❖ Miss Patel returned from maternity leave last term and will be working across the Yr 4 classes this year.
 - ❖ Mrs Rosemary Renouf also returns to the school as a teaching assistant. She worked with us last year and it is wonderful to have her back with us.
 - ❖ Miss Stephanie Sinani has also joined us to cover Ms Aherne's maternity leave in Birch class.
- Calendar dates are being finalised currently and should go home shortly. It will be another full and exciting year for the children and staff and I look forward to sharing their learning through a range of events throughout the year. As it stands currently, these events will be virtual until further notice.
- Parents have been asking whether to send their child to school if they are not well. Tomorrow, the office will send out a flow chart to help explain what to do if your child has symptoms of Covid. If they are unwell for anything else, you know them best or you can speak to your GP to seek advice.

It has certainly been a different start to the year and I am very grateful to everyone for their patience and understanding. Enjoy a wonderful week ahead!

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings via Zoom last week. Staff have posted the video of the meetings to ClassDojo pages just in case you were not able to attend. It has important information about what learning this year, expectations, PE days and much more. The information booklet for your year group will also be added very soon.

If you have any questions regarding things to do with learning, behaviour, etc. please ensure you message the class teacher before contacting the office. Thank you so much.

After School Stay'n'Play and Sunrise Club

Thanks to the creativity of the staff running Sunrise and After School Stay'n'Play Clubs, we have been able to offer places to children since the start of the school year.

A couple of important things to note:

- **Please ensure you register your child on SchoolsBuddy no later than the day BEFORE you need a place. Numbers are limited as we need to keep the children in year group bubbles.**
- **New Reception children will not be offered places at these clubs until after the October half term holiday to allow your child time to become familiar with the school environment, routines and expectations.**

There are a number of families who still owe quite a lot of money from last year's attendance at clubs. Please ensure you contact the office to discuss this urgently. Payment plans can be set up to support your current circumstances if needed.

Weekly Learning and Homelearning

Teachers will be adding learning information to ClassDojo each Friday beginning this week.

Homelearning will also be added to ClassDojo each half term. The children will then upload their weekly activity for the teachers to check.

Thank you to all parents and carers who remember to:

**WEAR A MASK
and
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.**

This is helping to keep you and the staff as safe as possible.

