



Newsletter Autumn 1

8th September 2023



Welcome back!

I hope you are all safe and well. The children have returned to school keen to share their summer adventures and eager to learn. The children have also been enjoying the lovely weather. I am sure many of you have noticed our smart new roof. The staff and I are really looking forward to the year ahead and we are hoping that 2023-24 will be another exciting year.

Welcome to our new families and children who have joined us across the school. It has been lovely to meet all our new reception children and some of their parents.

SEPTEMBER 2023 MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS DATES:

These meetings are an opportunity for parents/cares to meet the staff and find out about the routines and expectations of the new school year group. These meetings will be held in one of the year group classrooms. There will a year group presentation from the teachers as well as an opportunity to visit the classrooms and ask questions. Please enter school via the main entrance.

- New to Year 4 (Lime & Lilac) Lime Classroom Monday 11th September at 5.00pm
- New to Year 5 (Maple & Mulberry) Maple Classroom Wednesday 13th September at 5.00pm
- New to Year 6 (Hazel & Holly) Holly Classroom Thursday 14th September at 5.00pm
- New to Year 2 (Apple & Aspen) Aspen Classroom Thursday 21st September at 5.00pm

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! 'ASPIRE TO BE' ASSEMBLIES

Due my absence in Autumn 2023 we were unable to establish our 'Aspire to be' assemblies. We are eager to introduce a monthly assembly "Aspire to be" for the children to find out about different jobs and careers. We continue to work to develop the children's understanding of the curriculum subjects we teach. We are teaching the children the opportunities that curriculum subjects offer them in later life. For example, if you want to be a nurse you will need to enjoy science and want to help others.

We want to inspire children by inviting parents in to share what they did to become a (dentist for example), what subjects they enjoyed, qualifications are required and what it is like to be (a dentist). We know amongst our school community we have plumbers, doctors, scientists, taxi drivers, hairdressers, beauticians, gardeners, carers, nurses,

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computer analysts, retail assistants.... the list is endless. If you are interested in supporting us and are willing to talk to the children, please contact the school office. The assembly will be no longer than 20 minutes and either myself or Mr Bidwell will help facilitate the assembly. We are flexible with days – Monday, Tuesday or Thursday as we appreciate parents have work commitments. Please contact a member of school team if you are willing to help us. We look forward to hearing from you.

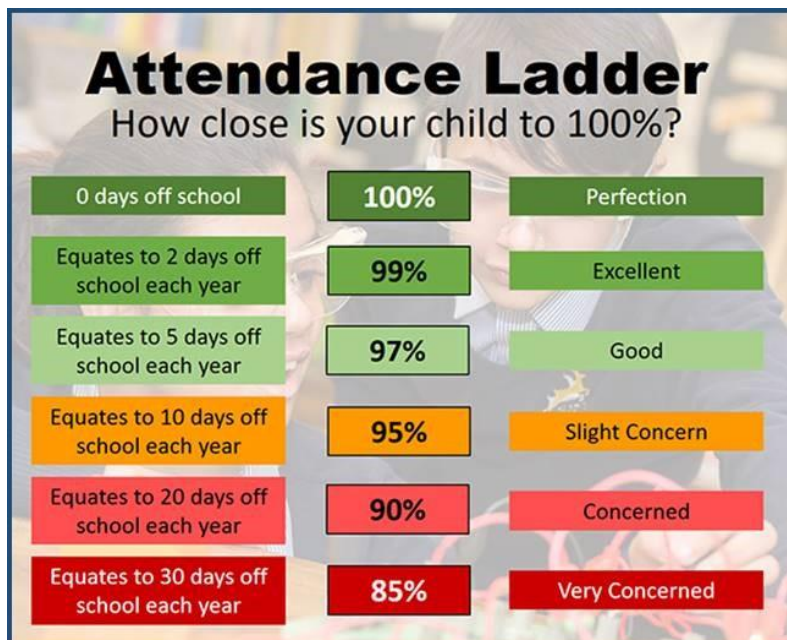
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

At Nunnery Wood Primary School, we are extremely fortunate to have incredibly supportive and friendly parents and we are proud that we are community school that supports the needs of all children. We are proud of our open-door policy and of being considered a listening school. We are keen to ensure that any questions or solve any worries promptly to support the children so please speak to your child’s class teacher. You will also find myself and Mr Bidwell on the playground at the start of the day

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, we have high expectations for every pupil’s attendance at school. We are committed to improving achievement through attendance and we continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils. If a child’s attendance continues to be poor, we will invite parents/carers to attend an Attendance Improvement Meeting. We would like to remind you that leave of absence is not an entitlement. Pupils will only be given permission for leave if there are exceptional circumstances. It is your responsibility to advise if your child is absent from school and you will be contacted if we have not been informed why your child is absent as this is part of our safeguarding procedures.

May we respectfully remind you we also monitor lateness and early collections as it is essential children are in school for the whole day.



The school gates will close by 8.45am.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children return looking smart in their school uniform. The Year 6 children are very proud to wear their hoodies even in this extremely hot weather. As you are all aware, we believe that school uniform helps to create a sense of community within our school. Please ensure that your child attends school appropriately dressed even during hot weather. We ask that parents ensure **all items are clearly named**.

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Sweatshirts/cardigans in the school colour (bottle green) with or without the school logo.
- White shirts or polo shirts may be worn underneath the sweatshirts or on their own in warmer weather.
- Black or grey skirts, pinafores, trousers or shorts. In warmer weather, dark green striped or checked dresses are an acceptable option. Skirts should be appropriate length for school.
- Sensible black shoes with either white, green or black socks or tights are acceptable. The wearing of trainers or pumps is discouraged. We discourage the wearing of shoes with heels of a height that may compromise children's safety on the playground and may decide to ask a child to change into their P.E. pumps or stay off the playground if these are worn to school.
- P.E. uniform consists of a white T shirt and black or navy shorts, with a pair of black slip-on pumps for certain activities. For safety reasons, we ask that T shirts are long enough to tuck into shorts and that shorts are not too baggy. Children also need outdoor P.E. kit – trainers rather than pumps, plus jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or a tracksuit. All children must have a P.E. bag in which to keep their kit.

If for any reason your child has to attend school with trainers, skirt which is not knee length or the wrong uniform due to unforeseen circumstance, please discuss with your class teacher or write a note to the class teacher, stating the reason. A child not wearing the appropriate school uniform should only be a short-term measure. We are here to help and support.

SNACKS

All children need to bring a bottle of water to school.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have fruit supplied by the government fruit scheme.

Children in Key Stage 2- year 3 upwards can bring a small healthy snack for break time.

NO NUTS POLICY

You may not be aware that we have several members of our school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. May I respectfully remind you that our school endeavours to have a "No Nuts Policy." This means that the items such as those listed below should **not** be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Nutella bars
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

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- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Chocolate Spread (We are aware that not all chocolate spreads contain nuts, however, due to the fact many do we ask this product is not in school in any form)

Please support us as we have several members of our school community who are allergic and require medical support if they encounter these products. Your child will not be allowed to consume these products if they are found in school.

FIRST AID

Parents with children that may require inhalers and Epi-Pens must ensure that this medication is returned to school and that it is in date. If your child's health needs have changed during the summer holidays, please contact Mrs. Lindsey Salisbury so that we can update their care plan or put one in place.



BIKE BUS

After a successful launch before the summer, our parent-led Bike Bus is running again. Bike Bus is where a group of families cycle to school together one morning each week. It offers children a chance to safely cycle or scoot to school. It is active, social, eco-

friendly and fun! Everyone is welcome (although children must bring a grown up), children can scoot or ride a bike.



Our Bike Bus runs every **Thursday morning**, meeting at the shops on Kilbury Drive and leaving at 8:20am.

For more information, join the WhatsApp group using the QR code, or talk to Justin, Fleur, Tom or Rose in the playground.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

May I respectfully remind you that Nunnery Wood Primary continues to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire Children First and West Mercia Police called Operation Encompass. Police and the county council will inform the Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school if a child has experienced any domestic incident. Information sharing between professional agencies enables school staff to provide emotional and practical support to the children who are experiencing domestic abuse.

STAFFING UPDATE

- Sadly, Mrs Rowley has had a family bereavement in the last week on the summer holidays. I am sure you join us as a school sending our condolences to her and her family. Mrs. Rowley is aiming to return to work as soon as possible.
- It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that Miss MacRae (Year 5 Maple) has decided to resign with immediate effect due to family commitments. This was not how she wanted to end her teaching commitment at Nunnery Wood Primary School but her priority had to be her family. I understand this is unsettling for the children and the parents. Please be assured that we are working hard to resolve the situation as swiftly as possible. I will update you further when I have more information.

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DATES FOR DIARIES

Along with this newsletter please also find attached a 'Dates for Autumn Term' document with some key dates of events happening across the school this term. There will be more information sent to you with specific arrangements etc where applicable.

Finally, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD FOR SEPTEMBER 2024?

Tour dates are on the school website –

<https://www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=1&nid=8>

Please contact us to book a place on a tour to see us at work.

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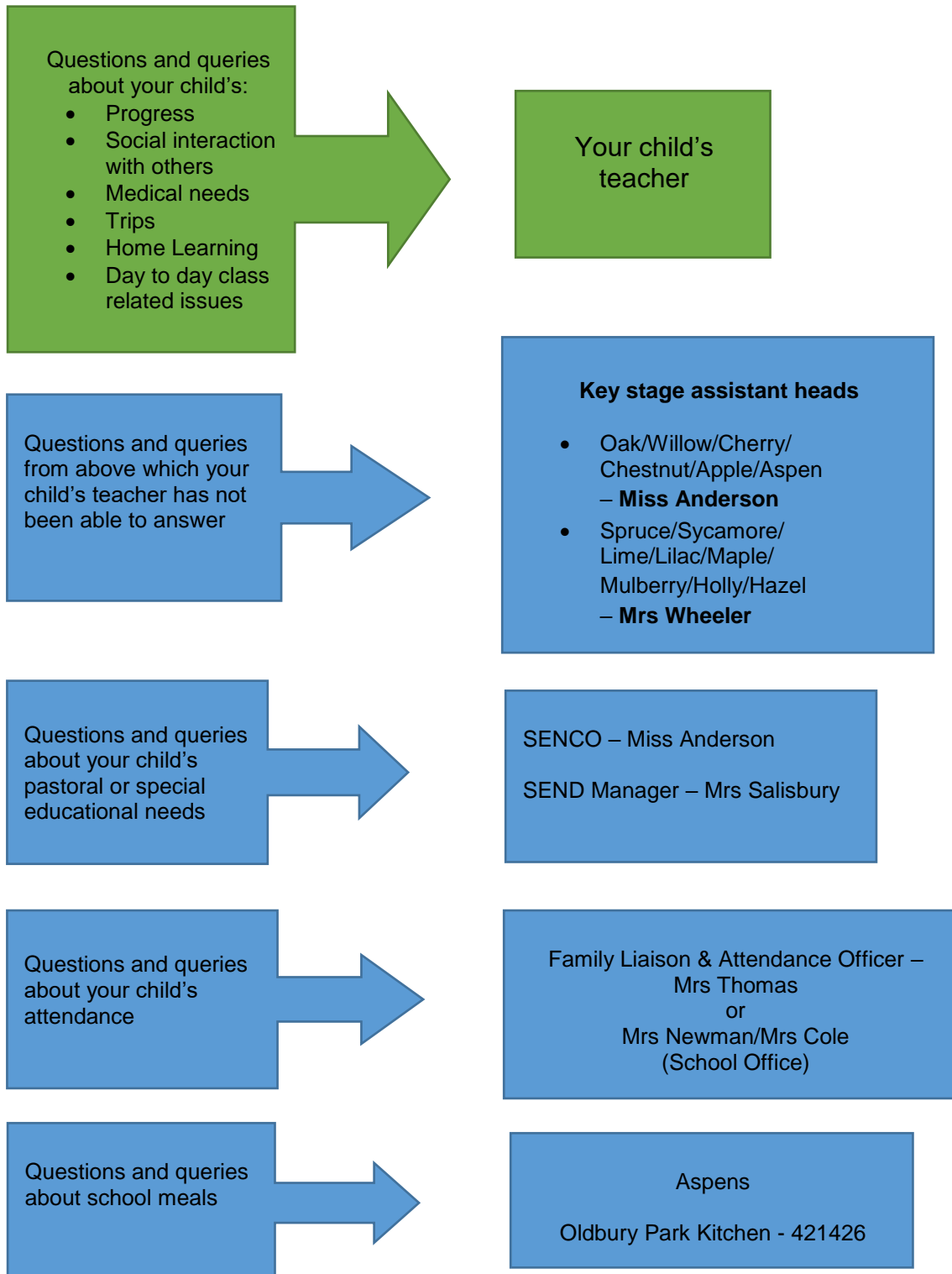
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