



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We have had a great start to the term and the children have returned to school, keen to share their summer experiences, keen to learn and very smart. The staff returned on Monday and had two productive training days. The staff and I are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We are now at full capacity with 60 children per year group. However, there are a few spaces available in Early Years. Please advise any parent or carer to contact Mrs. Birbeck regarding places.

It has been a very exciting few days for everyone getting back into the school routines.

**WELCOME** to Mr. Greg Clark, Mrs. Vicky Sollis and Miss Moya Fenton who have joined the Nunnery Wood staff team.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Miss Lawrence and her partner, I am sure that you will be as thrilled as us to know she had a baby girl in the summer holidays- Alexandra Lilly; both are doing really well.

## **MEET THE TEACHERS EVENT**

These meetings will start promptly at 5.30pm in the studio with a presentation from the year group team. It is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet the staff and find out about the routines and expectations of the new school year group.

- YEAR 5 Monday, 10th September, 5.30pm in the Studio
- YEAR 4 Tuesday, 11th September, 5.30pm in the Studio
- YEAR 6 Thursday, 13th September 5.30pm in the Studio
- YEAR 2 Thursday, 20th September, 5.30pm in the Studio

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

You are cordially invited to our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am-10.00am. This has become an annual event to support a very worthwhile charity as well as enabling Year 6 children to showcase their tremendous baking skills.

Year 6 children are organising this event with the support of the staff. It is an opportunity for any parents to drop in for coffee and cake as well as a chance to come and have a chat with me informally in the hall. All parents are welcome.

Last year the children created the most amazing cakes as part of the Great British Bake Off Learning Challenge. Further details to follow via the Year 6 team.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Children will be having individual and/or sibling school photographs on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure they wear their winter uniform for this if you have it. We will endeavour to ensure that your children look presentable pre-photo.

## **WATER BOTTLES, SNACKS & LUNCH BOXES**

Children are encouraged to bring water bottles in to drink during lessons but please note that squash is not allowed and bottles should be named. We also encourage the children to bring a **healthy** snack for break-times e.g. fruit, vegetables etc. At lunch time we find that many children feel obliged to eat it

everything in their lunchboxes which can sometimes result in missed playtime. As a parent myself, I understand we all want our children to have a healthy, hearty lunch but would encourage you to only provide what you know your child will need and eat.

## PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS

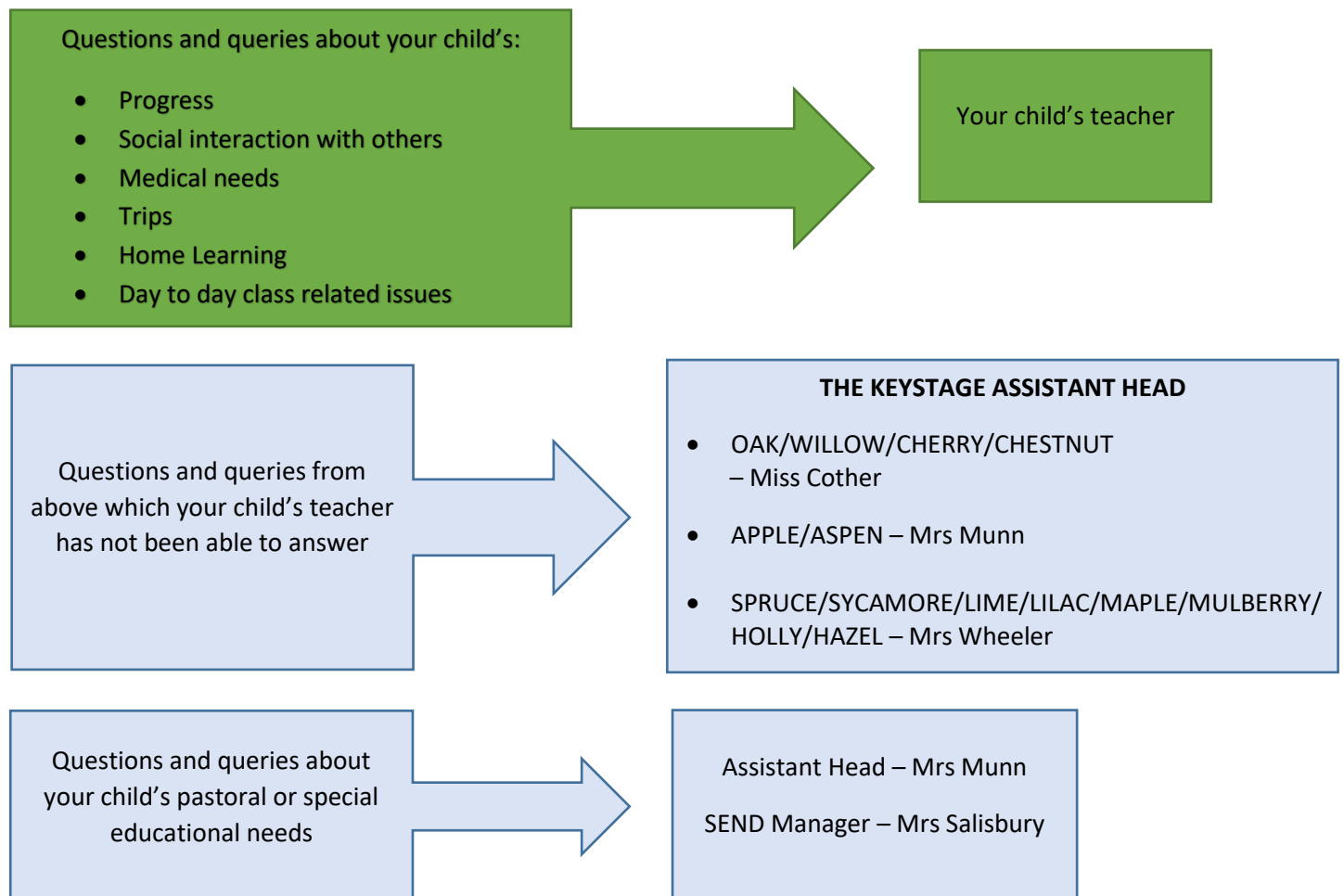
We are holding our parent consultation sessions on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 7pm for all classes. **Children** in Years 3 - 6 are encouraged to attend the **actual teacher/parent** consultations with their parents/carers. Further details will be sent in October.

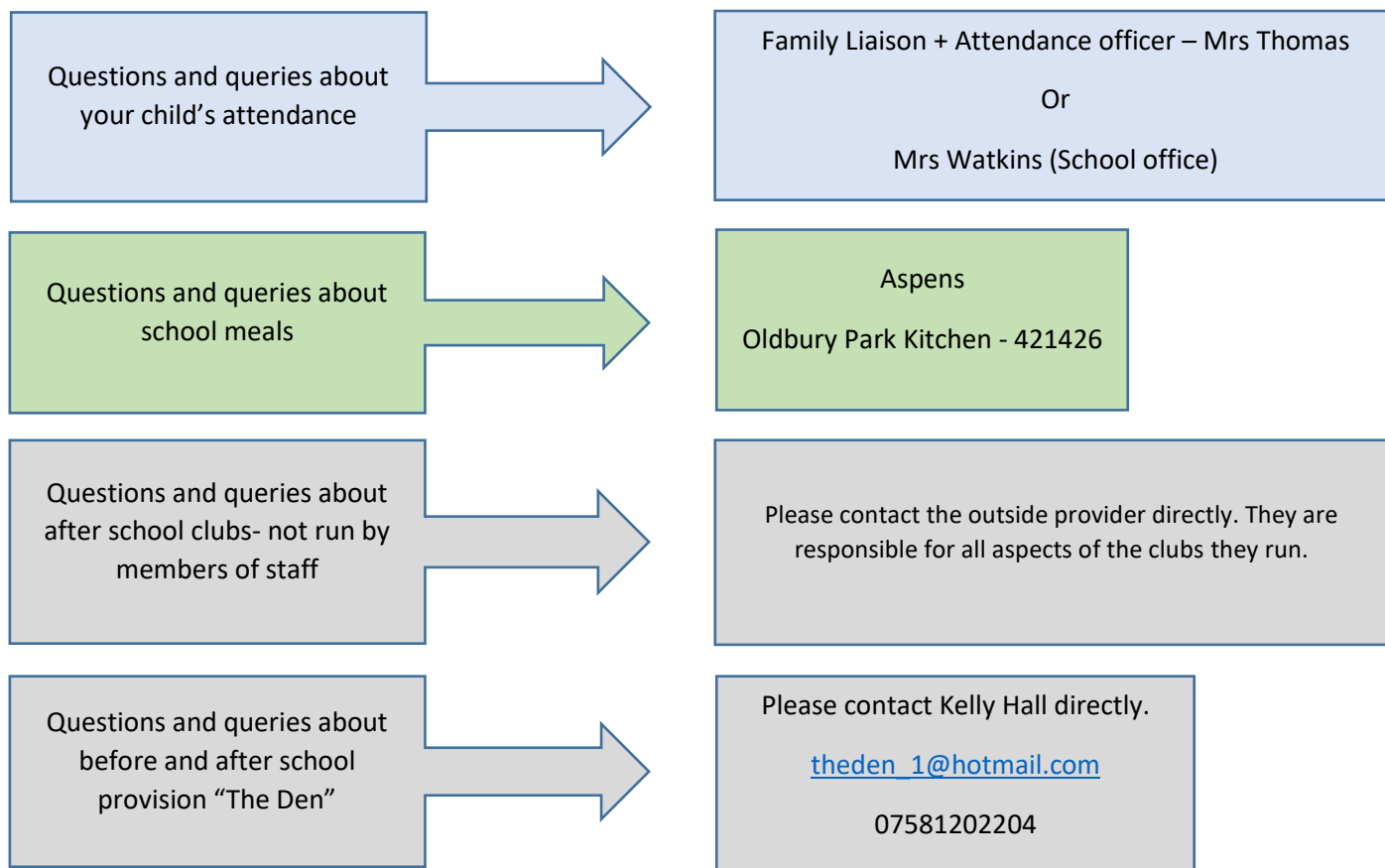
## WORKING TOGETHER

At Nunnery Wood Primary School, we are extremely fortunate to have such supportive and friendly parents and continue to be a community school that supports the needs of all children. We are also proud of our open door policy and of being considered a listening school.

Should you have any concerns, there is a clear staffing structure to help you seek the support and advice you may need. Please use the 'Flow of Communication' chart below to enable us to deal with any requests or concerns quickly. This flow chart should help you approach the correct member of staff when you have a specific question or request and ensure that it is dealt with swiftly. There will still be members of staff on the playgrounds at the beginning of the day, so please feel free to speak to one of them if you have any queries. Your child's class teacher should usually be your first point of contact for any minor issues/queries.

### FLOW OF COMMUNICATION CHART





Our parents recognise that educating and nurturing children is at the heart of everything we do and is a process that involves a partnership between home and school. We all recognise and understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school and recognise that staff, children and parents need to work together to enable this to happen. However, there have been numerous incidents over the past year where parents have used social media sites to share their concerns, anger or frustrations, which is very disappointing. We work hard to support your children and I appreciate there may be times when you are frustrated by school policy or disappointed by how the school has dealt with a particular matter. However, we pride ourselves on resolving issues as swiftly as possible and ensuring that we listen to parents/carers concerns ensuring that all children feel safe and are listened to, but we expect that all parents treat members of staff with respect.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our policy regarding the expected code of conduct. We hope this will provide a reminder to all parents and visitors to our school about our expectations so that we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

### **ADMISSION 2019**

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you need to make an application for a school place for September 2019. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019. You are actively encouraged to apply online via the Worcestershire County Council website:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/school admissions.](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/school%20admissions)

Year 6 pupils transferring to High school in September 2019: Hazel and Holly classes should have received an information pack which includes a parental guide on 'Transfer to Secondary School' The closing date is 31st October 2018.

## **WEBSITE**

Our new school website is currently under construction and hopefully this will 'go live' by October half-term. There will be a short transition period where the old website will not be updated. The transition period will start on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. If there are any important dates/events that parents need to know following this date you will be informed by text and/or email.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This event is taking place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 8.55am - 9.20am.

Cherry, Chestnut, Apple and Aspen children will be involved in this event. Unfortunately, due to space only parents of these children may attend. Further details to follow. Many thanks for your support.

Finally, by the end of next week you will all receive a newsletter from your class teacher outlining this term's curriculum and sharing key information.

May I also take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you all for your gifts and best wishes at the end of last year.

Rachel Higgins  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / EDUCATIONAL VISIT CALENDAR

Please find below a list of visits planned and some important dates this term. We hope you find it useful. These are also available on our website. Further details will follow via class teachers who are currently busy organising educational visits to support the children's curriculum. **Any costs are approximate.**

Autumn 1	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher Event 5.30pm prompt start
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher Event 5.30pm prompt start
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Civil War Walk Visit £5.50 approx.
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Meet the Teacher Event 5.30pm prompt start
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Woodland Day
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher Event 5.30pm prompt start
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Visit to Bishop's Wood £11.60
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5/6 Fields of Battle Visit
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	King's School Quiz
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Malvern Residential Meeting 5.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
5 <sup>th</sup> October	EYs and KS1 Harvest Assembly 8.55am Parents Invited
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Art Gallery Visit £4.50 approx.
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12 <sup>th</sup> October	Apple Class Assembly 8.55am
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Look & Learn Session 8.55am
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Sycamore Class Assembly 8.55am
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Malvern Residential - 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Visit to Waitrose
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Break Up For Half Term
AUTUMN 2	
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children Return to School
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.50pm
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
15 <sup>th</sup> November	NASA Astronaut Visit TBC £1.50 approx.
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Aspen Class Assembly 8.55am
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 1/2 Art Attack
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm <b>TBC</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Enterprise Day
7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYs and KS1 Visit to the Pantomime £12 approx
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Nativity 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Nativity 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYs Nativity 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm at St Martin's Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December	EYs & KS1 Party Day and Aspens Christmas Lunch

20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Party Day and Aspens Christmas Lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term
<b>SPRING 1 2018</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Spruce Class Assembly 8.55am
17 <sup>th</sup> January	EYs Look & Learn 8.40am-9.15am - every other Thursday from this date
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Maple Class Assembly 8.55am
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Lime Class Assembly 8.55am
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Morning 8.50am-10.30am
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Break Up For Half Term
<b>SPRING 2</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children Return to School
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.50pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Go Wild Week
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Visit to The Hive £4.50 approx.
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Willow Class Assembly 8.55am
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Lilac Class Assembly 8.55am
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Production 2pm and 5.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term
<b>SUMMER 1</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> May	First Day of Summer Term
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Chestnut Class Assembly 8.55am
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak Class Assembly 8.55am
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break Up For Half Term
<b>SUMMER 2</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mulberry Class Assembly 8.55am
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Assessment Week
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day TBC
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Opportunities Week
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day TBC
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cherry Class Assembly 8.55am
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm TBC
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Enterprise Event
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 8.55am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term for Children
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED