

# Newsletter n°1

7 September 2017



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Primary School

Welcome back, I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and restful summer break.

The school has been very busy over the holidays in continuing to improve the building and provision for our children. You will have noticed a change to our front entrance. There are a few additional changes happening over the next few weeks which will improve both safeguarding practices across the school and communication and access to the building for staff and families. Please read the more detailed information about entering and exiting the building across the school day later in this newsletter.

I am delighted to announce that our work to continue to improve inclusive practices for our LCR children and the school was completed over the summer break. Our LCR is now part of the 'The Bridge Satellite' provision @ Robert Blair. Permission was given to open from the start of the Autumn term. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who worked with and supported the school in this exciting new provision for our children. In practice, things will look and feel very similar. The Satellite will be using the same classrooms and the same inclusive work with pupils and staff will continue. The two class teachers will also remain working with the children. The classes are now known as 'Satellite 1' and 'Satellite 2'. In time, the annex at Robert Blair will be refurbished and the Satellite Provision will move into this, but this is likely to take 12-18 months. We are also reviewing and updating all children's and families' details, medical information and ensuring the home school agreement, photographic images consent form and permission form for local trips have all been signed. Please sign and return by next Wednesday 13 September any forms you may receive. Included with this newsletter is also the 'Meet the Teacher Parent Consultation' information. Please use the online system to sign up for your slot.

The children have settled very well and we look forward to seeing you all at our Meet the Teacher consultation evening.

## The coming weeks...

**Don't forget!**

**Meet the Teacher Parent Consultations**

**Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21 September**

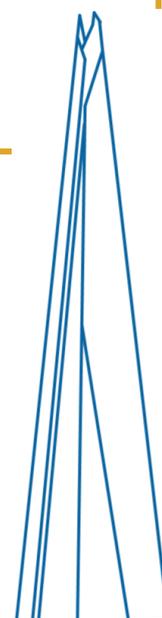
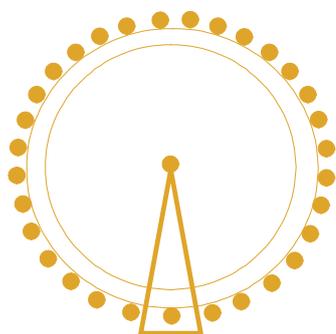
**And look out for maths, phonics and reading workshops at the school in the coming weeks.**



## Staffing 2017 –18

I am delighted to announce that we now have learning support assistants working in all classes, and SEN support assistants in each phase.

I would also like you to join me in welcoming; Arabella Yapp, our new SENDCo, Ellie Davies who is teaching in year 5, Jean Campbell teaching in year 3, Anna Solberg, Jamie Siu and Jessie Waterfield who are new and additional learning support assistants.



## Diary events—the next few weeks.

14 Sep	Trip to Chessington
25 Sep	Y2 Assembly
9 Oct	Y6 assembly
23-27 Oct	Half Term
30 Oct	Science and engineering week starts

## Celebrating Attendance of 98%+ Chessington Adventure Park! Thursday 14th September

This year we are celebrating with 58 children a trip to Chessington Adventure Park. This is a huge improvement from only 3 last year. Well done everyone and we know you will enjoy your day out.

It is our expectation that all children attend school every day. On the rare occasion there is an unavoidable reason for an absence or lateness it is essential that you notify the school, with an explanation, and provide a sick note or certificate on your child's return.

## Changes to our beginning and end of day drop off and collection.

We are making some minor changes to the morning and afternoon procedures. Over the next week we will be adding additional doors which will be electronically controlled. This is to continue to improve our safeguarding procedures for both adults and children.

All children will need to be dropped off in the playground using the Brewery Road and Blundell Street Entrances between 8.45 and 9am. This includes nursery and reception children. The only children using the office are either attending breakfast club, being collected from after school club or have arrived after the school gates have been closed.

You must continue to drop off and collect your child inside the school grounds. This includes if you are driving your children to school. Please park your car and drop off or collect your child in the school grounds. It is important you acknowledge with an adult in the school grounds that we have seen you and your child before leaving. This is at both the start and the end of the day.

We appreciate your co-operation in our ensuring our safeguarding procedures continue to improve.

## P.E Kit

**All children are required to change into suitable clothing for P.E. sessions.** This includes a change of top, shorts and suitable footwear. Please ensure PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.



## Changes to the Office

As you might have seen, we have had some work done around the school over the holidays. The aim is to make the building more user friendly for parents and children. Hopefully, the new office area will mean that your enquiries are dealt with in a more efficient manner.

