

Thursday 17th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year – just over a week to go until the half term break so we wanted to share some important updates.

New Values Awards

Our school values are **Respect, Care and Listen**. We have now introduced a 'Values' award for one child in every class, once per half term. This prestigious award will be given to a child who has shown respect, kindness and who can actively listen and make good choices. The award consists of a certificate and a £10 Amazon voucher. Parents will be invited in to watch their child being given the award in assemblies.



Punctuality and signing in late procedures

Please be aware the gates close at 8.35am. If you bring your child in after this time, they will need to be signed in late as teachers will have already taken the register in class. We appreciate that sometimes, signing children in late on our electronic system can create a queue. From Monday, we are changing our procedures so that we have two members of staff signing late children in on the door – parents do not need to come into reception. It is essential you wait with your child until they are safely signed in. Our Family Hub team will be talking to families who are persistently late and identifying ways to support them. ***Please do your best to ensure your children are at school on time so they don't miss important learning.***

Young PCSOs



You may be aware that we have several children trained to be Young PCSOs and they give out Warning Tickets to cars parked illegally or dangerously. ***This includes the dipped pavements on White Street*** which are there so that pushchair or wheelchair users can cross safely. If you are parked dangerously and receive a ticket, please accept this politely and do not argue with the member of staff in front of the children. The children have been trained by the police so know exactly who they can give tickets to. They are giving up their time after school to be responsible and active citizens to make the roads around school safer and we do not expect our

pupils to see rude or poor behaviour from parents towards our staff. ***Please remember to park considerately.*** Thank you.

Change of staff

We have some changes of staff after half term. Miss Van Vaerenbergh our Senco will be taking up a Senco post at another school. Mrs Ward will be taking up the role as acting Senco at Clifton. We have employed Miss Coughlin to be a full time SEND teacher. Ms Holliday our receptionist is moving on to new challenges and Mrs Abad our IT technician will be taking up a post with the PACT academy trust. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

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We are delighted to say that Mrs Carbery has been appointed as an Assistant Headteacher at Clifton and will undertake the role as Phase Leader for EYFS out of class. Ms Bi will remain as Deputy Head of the whole school. We have appointed Miss Murphy as full time class teacher for RC. In addition, we have appointed Mrs R Allen as Assistant Headteacher while Mrs Hitchcock is on maternity leave (starting in November). Mrs Harris will take over as Phase Leader in Yrs 1 and 2 and Mrs R Allen Yrs 3 and 4. Miss Maqsood will take over her class. Mrs Fry in Nursery will also shortly be leaving to go on maternity leave and Nursery will now be covered by Mrs Doal (M, T, W) and Mrs Carbery (Th, F).

Snacks

While we do allow crisps to be bought in for breaktime snacks or in packed lunches, we do encourage healthy eating. Please do not send in family sized packets of crisps or sugary sweets for snacks.

Chicks and bunnies!

We have now named our new animals at school.

Rabbits: **Flopsy** named by RC and **Fluffy** named by Zaiden in Yr 1.

Chicks: **Snowy** named by RC, **Pepper** named by Salma in Yr 3, **Coco** named by Fatmah in Yr 4, **Sonic** named by Neymar in Yr 4.

Our big hen: **Oreo**, named by Hawwa in Yr 4.



Dates for the term

More dates for your diary! Please note that some dates have changed since our last newsletter.

21/10/25	PARENTS EVENING Yr 1	Woodland Hall 3.45pm-6.00
	PARENTS EVENING Yr 2	Ocean Hall 3.45pm-6.00
22/10/24	PARENTS EVENING Yr 6	Woodland Hall 3.45pm-6.00
	PARENTS EVENING Yr 5	Ocean Hall 3.45pm-6.00
23/10/24	Yr 5 Divali Assembly 5H and 5B	Woodland Hall 9.00-9.45
	PARENTS EVENING Nursery and Reception	Woodland Hall 3.45pm-6.00
24/10/24	Yr 5 Divali Assembly 5E and 5RW	Woodland Hall 9.00-9.45
	PARENTS EVENING Yr 3	Woodland Hall 3.45pm-6.00
	PARENTS EVENING Yr 4	Ocean Hall 3.45pm-6.00
25/10/24	End of term bake and samosa sale	1.00pm in the playground
Half Term		
5/11/25	Year 1 INSPIRE- Reading 1A	Woodland Hall 8:40am-9:40
6/11/24	Year 1 INSPIRE- Reading 1B	Woodland Hall 8:40am-9:40
7/11/24	Year 1 INSPIRE- Reading 1U	Woodland Hall 8:40am-9:40
8/11/24	Year 1 INSPIRE- Reading 1S	Woodland Hall 8:40am-9:40
12/11/24	Pop up play village RC, RP	Woodlands Hall 9:00-10:00, 10:00-11:00
15/11/24	SATs parent workshop	Woodland Hall 8:40 – 9:40
18/11/24	Photographers in all day Woodland Hall	

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19/11/24	Pop up play village RM, RS	Woodlands Hall. 9:00-10:00, 10:00-11:00
22/11/24	Church visit 4A	
26/11/24	Year 2 INSPIRE- Reading 2E	Woodland Hall 8:40-9:40
27/11/24	Year 2 INSPIRE- Reading 2A	Woodland Hall 8:40-9:40
28/11/24	Year 2 INSPIRE- Reading 2V Police Visit	Woodland Hall 8:40-9:40 Reception Classrooms
29/11/24	Year 2 INSPIRE- Reading 2N Church visit 4S	Woodland Hall 8:40-9:40
6/12/24	Church visit 4C	
13/12/24	Church visit 4R	
16/12/24	Nativity Performance RP	Meander 8.45-9.15
17/12/24	Nativity Performance RS	Meander 8.45-9.15
18/12/24	Nativity Performance RM	Meander 8.45-9.15
19/12/24	Nativity Performance RC	Meander 8.45-9.15

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours faithfully,

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