

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Year 1 Holiday projects

Welcome Back

What a fantastic start to the term!

REMINDERS

Welcome to our New School year. I have had such a wonderful first few days and am truly grateful to be in this very special school. Thank you to all of you, for making me feel most welcome and I look forward to working with you to support your child's learning and well-being. The staff and I have been so impressed by how quickly all the children have settled back into their learning after the holidays, despite it being the hottest week of the Summer so far!

Our new reception children have amazed me with their willingness to come into their new environment with one little boy declaring to me 'I can't wait I'm so excited!' Mrs Flux and Mrs Newton have planned a wonderful week of exciting activities and are taking the time to really get to know your child and accommodate their individual needs. Any queries do speak to them. On Friday when we have all the children in together and for the next few weeks, reception children can arrive from 8.40 to be greeted by their teachers and come through the main entrance door. Those with siblings that come earlier are welcome to walk and talk if they would like.

We also welcome new members of staff. We have Mrs Crankshaw teaching year 4 with new support staff, Mrs Cooke and we will also have a trainee teacher Mr Clarke with us for some of the term in year 1.

With a new year, new Head and new staff there are bound to be some changes. One we have trialled this week is giving the early arrivers who come at 8.30am ten minutes to exercise and chat with friends before going into class at 8.40am ready for registration at 8.45am. This lessens the time they are sitting in class first thing and gives staff and support staff crucial time to speak to each other. Once your child is through the staffed gate into the playground, you are free to go. If you feel that the 10 mins outside wouldn't suit your child then arrive at 8.40 when they can then go straight into class as normal. Feedback from many children, parents and staff from the trial has been positive so we will continue with this. There will always, as ever, be staff available for any child that needs support.

Thank you for your tolerance and patience as we regroup and settle in to our new roles and teams and continue to make this school the fantastic place it is.

We have some exciting activities and trips planned for the term and I look forward to meeting more of you as the term progresses. Do come and say 'Hello'.

DOGS

I am a dog lover as are many of you, however multiple dogs, small children and busy drop off and pick up times are a recipe for things to go wrong, so **no dogs on school premises please.**

PARKING

Please be a considerate parker. The easiest place to park is the 'rec' opposite the school. **The school car park is for staff and busses only.**