

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and a new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely, restful summer break; although the weather wasn't great, it is always nice to enjoy time with the children.

I am delighted with the way the children have settled back into school and particularly how our Reception and Nursery children have settled in. They have all been a credit to you and it has been wonderful seeing them making friends and enthusiastically joining in with all of their learning.

Staffing

I would like to welcome new staff members joining us this term; we have Mrs Sharpling teaching Year 5, Mrs Archer our TA in Year 6 and Mrs Mitchell who has joined us to support a child within our Nursery. I have spoken to the children in these classes and they have told me how much they are enjoying talking to and working with these new adults.

It is with regret that I have accepted the resignation of our Chair of Governors, Mr Andy Smith. Mr Smith has supported both Mrs Senior and myself in our roles as Head, as well as making a significant contribution to school life over a number of years. We all wish him well for the future and I am sure you will join me in extending our thanks for all his hard work. We will inform you

when a new Chair is appointed, following our first Governing Meeting of the year.

Getting to school

Can I offer a friendly reminder please, not to park on Church Road, The Front or The Green. Please also remember that if you park in the Village Hall car park, that this is only to be used for brief periods during drop off and collection. The Village Hall management allow us to use their car park as a favour!

The Walk to School initiative started again on Monday 14 and children who walk part of the way to school will be able to collect badges. We have decided to 'raise the bar' with children needing to either walk or park and stride at least 8 times within a calendar month, in order to collect their badge.

Curriculum and clubs

You may have noticed from the school website, that changes to the yearly curriculum for each class are currently being made. Letters with information regarding this are currently being e-mailed to all parents.

We are trying very hard to continue to develop our after school and club provision. Hopefully, you will notice that we are endeavouring to provide a wider variety of clubs with more that are funded by the school.

Other news

In other news, I am pleased to announce that the school has been granted its application for a new roof on the main building. It is timetabled to happen this academic year, so watch this space!

We will be holding our Information Meetings over the next two weeks. I am sorry for the shortness of notice for these, time really does fly in a new term!

As I am sure you are all aware, we have our Autumn Fair organised to take place on 3

October. I would like to thank our 'Friends of the School' for all their hard work and I look forward to seeing you at this event.

A last reminder that, in accordance with Herts guidelines, dogs are not allowed on

the school site or left attached to any school perimeters. If you do walk a dog to school, please do not allow them to foul on the pavement. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Andrew Morris