



Rendell Primary School & Little Owls Pre-School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to a new year here at Rendell. I cannot believe how quickly the summer has gone, but hope that you and your families got to enjoy some of the very nice weather that we had this year.

Last year was a great year in school and was topped off by our year 6 children achieving so well in the statutory tests. Provisional progress results were published yesterday and it looks as though we achieved comfortably in the top 25% of schools nationally, which is a tremendous achievement. Thank you for all your support that helped us to achieve this. I hope that support will continue and strengthen further this year.

Our new children to pre-school and reception have had really good starts to school this week and we are already getting to know some of them. The new little ones at pre-school have already been in to school for a visit and a look around.

Dangerous Parking

Please, please, please can I ask you to not park at both ends of Rendell Street. It is so dangerous for the children running behind cars, clogging up the street and leads to chaos for other drivers and residents. We have already had justified complaints from the Education Transport Service because the disabled bus has been blocked from turning when trying to take children to school. We have put in temporary bollards to try and stop those regular parents who take no notice of our requests not to park there.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have supported us and thanked us for doing so this week. It means a lot to have so much support.

Staff

We have had some last minute changes to staffing during the holidays. Miss L Russell who was going to be in Year One has left us and I am delighted that Mrs Sharma has taken her place. She already knows the children as she joined us last summer and was teaching in reception. We have now appointed Miss Warrington to replace her in Reception and she will join the school in a couple of weeks' time.

Mrs Smith our Sports Coach is going to be away for a few weeks to recuperate from a knee operation and we wish her well and a speedy recovery. This will affect the clubs we are able to offer and when we start them. A list of clubs will be sent out by Mrs Jurkowski very soon.

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School Targets

This year we are continuing to target children's attitudes to learning through Growth Mindset and to strengthen their character development through our Rendell Virtues. Look out for workshop dates where you can come along and learn more about these in school.

Maths

This year we are introducing Abacus as a programme to support the teaching of maths and much of the homework linked to this is online and will need internet access. We will hold a parents' workshop to give you further information about this in a couple of weeks. There will be weekly homework clubs at lunchtime for children with no internet access at home so they are not left out.

English

We are also introducing the children to new English programmes this year. We will be following the Ruth Miskin, Read, Write Inc at Foundation and Key Stage One, so you may hear children coming home chatting about how they now learn their phonics. The children in Key Stage Two will follow the Literacy and Language programme and they all have lovely log books to capture great examples of writing to use in their work.

Little Owls Pre-School

We are so proud of our pre-school children and the staff that make it such a wonderful experience for your children. We are now so popular that at the time of writing we are already full for this year. It is really important that you reserve your place for next September as soon as possible. Application forms are available from the office so that you can be put on the waiting list to avoid disappointment.

Eid Lunch

Our annual Eid lunch will take place on Friday 16th September. Mrs Davy has sent out information for booking lunches this week and these must be returned before Wednesday 7th September.

Dinner Money Increase

Dinner money has increased on 30th August to £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week). If you receive certain benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ask at the office for more details.

Help (still) needed!

Thank you to the volunteers that have very kindly offered to be on our register for supporting trips out of school. We would love to have more! If you think you can help us then please leave your name and contact details with a member of our office team. Thank you.

Important Dates

The autumn half term holiday will begin on Friday 14th October, so the last day in school for children is Thursday 13th October. School will reopen on Monday 24th October.

Parents Evenings are booked for Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of October.

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