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Wednesday 4th September: Children return to school
Thursday 5th September: Parents' Welcome Session 2.30-3.20pm
Friday 6th September: Parents' Welcome Session 8.50-9.30am
Monday 16th September: FOBs Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 20th September: Coffee morning for reception parents 9am
Friday 27th September: Grandparents' Day
Thursday 17th October: Open day sessions for Reception Intake 2020
Friday 18th October: FOBs children's disco
Friday 25th October: School closes for October half-term

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Tuesday 6th November: Children to return to school
Thursday 7th November: Parents' Evening 3.45-6.15
Wednesday 13th November: Parents' Evening 3.45-6.15
Tuesday 10th December: KS1 Nativity 10am pre-schoolers allowed
Wednesday 11th December: KS1 Nativity 2pm No pre-schoolers
Thursday 12th December: KS1 Nativity 10am No pre-schoolers
Tuesday 17th December: KS2 Christmas Service 1.30 @St Johns
Wednesday 18th December: KS2 Christmas Service 6.30 @St Johns
Wednesday 18th December: Children break up for Christmas

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope everyone had a lovely summer break. We are pleased to inform you that our academy conversion went as planned and we officially became a part of Cheshire Academies Trust on 1st August. We hosted a joint INSET with all staff from the three other schools on Monday and we look forward to working closely with them in the future. A reminder that parents are invited into school this week to visit your child's new classroom and say hello to their class teacher. Please see section above for timings.

End of the day arrangements

A letter was sent home in July asking parents to inform us about children's end of day arrangements. A copy is held [here](#) on our website. Children up to Year 3 must be collected by someone aged 16 or above. Children in Year 4 or above may walk home, but only with written parental consent. Please continue to write a note in your child's diary if they are going home with another parent. If we do not have written consent then we cannot allow your child to leave.

School Development Priorities 2019-20

Each year we set goals to help further improve the school. This year we will be focusing on:

1. Further developing our curriculum so that children experience engaging and diverse experiences, are challenged effectively and developing different methods of assessment in history and geography.
2. The emotional health and wellbeing of pupils and staff. We will be developing the outdoor areas to enhance children's play and exploring emotional health through our new Relationships and Health Education scheme of work.
3. Supporting pupils who are struggling in maths to meet the expected standard. We will be working with teachers to monitor the progress of these children.

We look forward to keeping you informed about the progress of each of these goals.

Grandparents' Day 2020

Our annual Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday 27th September. For new parents, this is when children's grandparents (or honorary grandparents, a friend or a relative- not a parent) are invited into school to spend half a day in the class. There are two sessions, one is 9.30 to 11.15 and the other is 1.30- 3.15. Both sessions will include a concert, which grandparents must bring a ticket to. A letter will be sent on Monday with a slip for ticket requests.

Ethical Enterprise

This term our charity focus is Age UK (Cheshire East). Through this charity we will be focusing on how older people are treated around the world with a key focus on respect and dignity. Volunteers from the charity will also be visiting school to teach us more about being 'dementia friendly'. The children will be doing portraits of an older person they respect and there will be prizes from the charity for the best portraits. For more information about this charity and our Ethical Enterprise Curriculum please visit this [link](#) on our website.



Reading Challenge/ Reading Shed

Well done to all the children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge. We will be giving out Head Teacher's Awards once children receive their medals. A big thank you to the volunteers from Barclay's who have been in over the summer and painted our new Reading Shed. If you have any books/ cushions you would like to donate to the Reading Shed, please send in to Mrs Sach. This year we will also be continuing with our reading raffles each half term. Raffle tickets are awarded to children who have been reading regularly at home, have their parent's signature in their diary and in KS2, have been including new vocabulary they've found. A prize of a book token is awarded each half term to KS1 & KS2. There is lots of [research](#) to prove the benefits of reading, but we feel it is important that children are enjoying reading and a key part of this is finding the right book or author. We have re-stocked the KS2 library to help our older readers with more choice. Please feel free to visit the library or the Reading Shed with your child during the parent open sessions.