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The Golden Rule

*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
(Matthew 7:12).*

Friday 8th September

Dear parents

Welcome back

We have really enjoyed welcoming the children into our classrooms, listening to their stories from over the summer and letting them know what they will be learning about this year.

A special welcome to our new staff members: Miss Bentley, Mrs Gully, Mrs Plimmer, Mrs Slade-Nowell and a welcome back to Mrs Bolas-Burn and also to any new families who have joined our school. We look forward to working with you all.

We started the week with Rev. Davys coming into school to bless our classrooms and pray for the year ahead. In worship we also reminded the children of our 'Golden rule' as well as the 'Colwich Way'.

Here are the before, during and after pictures of the new Year 5/6 learning space.



<p>The Colwich Way</p>	<p>Our way of interpreting the Golden rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be kind 2. Be respectful 3. Be ready to learn
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Over the summer we have had some substantial building work completed. The hall has been painted and has had a new ceiling; rooms have been knocked together to create a new larger classroom; the library has moved and two stock cupboards have been knocked together to create a fantastic new nurture room. There are still a few outstanding tasks and when they are complete, we will invite you in to have a look at our fantastic new spaces.





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In a few weeks' time, a new phase of works will begin, which is replacement of all the wooden and metal framed windows in the main building. We will keep you updated regarding this. The work to date has been funded through a County Council grant and the windows work through a central government fund for academies.

Meet the Teachers

We will be holding our 'Meet the Teachers' sessions on **Monday 18th September**. During these sessions you will be able to go to your child's classroom, listen to a short presentation about the year from your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have. As many of you have more than one child at the school, there will be a **4:00pm** session and a **4:30pm** session so that you don't miss out. For any parents that can't attend, presentations will be uploaded to the class webpages.

Drop off and collection times

Morning Routine

Gate opens 8:40am
Gate Shuts 8:50am
Registration 8:55am
Registration closes 9:00am

(All children arriving after this time will be marked as late).

Entry and exit to site will be via main gate and railway gate.

End of Day Routine

Gate opens 3:15pm
Children finish 3:20pm
Gates close 3:30pm

Entry to site will be via main gate and railway gate and exit via all 3 gates.

Home School communication

The start of the term is a good time to remind you of how best to get hold of staff.

- If you need to get an urgent message to school regarding your child, particularly around end of day collection, please ring the school office on: 01889 881286

- To report an absence, please email or ring the school office. If leaving a message or emailing, please state the reason for the absence.
- For anything non-urgent, you can ring, email or Class Dojo message the member of staff that you need to get a message to. (For Children in Year 1/2, Mrs Cope works Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Slade-Nowell, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)

Please note that teaching staff do not always get the opportunity to check Class Dojo/emails throughout the day and are not expected to respond to messages or emails between 5pm and 8am. Email addresses can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

This Newsletter

Over previous years, the newsletter has been texted to you on a weekly basis. We are trying to streamline communications, so you don't have to look in too many different places for information. After this week, the newsletter will be posted weekly on Class Dojo and on the newsletter page of the website.

Next week

Tuesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard lessons <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i>
Wednesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar/Vocal lessons <i>Led by Mr Moon (am)</i> • Morning Prayers Year 5/6 <i>(In Church 9.15: Parents welcome)</i> • Forest School Lessons – Year 3 / 4 B <i>Run by Miss Lilley (pm)</i> • Forest School Club – Year 1/2 <i>3:20 – 4:30 run by Miss Lilley</i>
Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violin Lessons <i>Led by Ms Hayes</i>





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Dates for September

DIARY DATES 2023/2022	
September	
13th	Y5/Y6 Wednesday Prayers <i>(In Church, 9:15am – Parents Welcome)</i>
18th	Welcome to Class Meetings <i>(Details on previous page)</i> Art Week <i>(Details to follow)</i>
20th	Y3/4 (Miss Arnold) Wednesday Prayers <i>(In Church, 9:15am – Parents Welcome)</i>
25th	Year 6 Bikeability (now 1 day only) <i>(Details sent last half-term)</i>
26th	Year 4 Bikeability <i>(Details sent last half-term)</i>
27th	Y3/4 (Miss Bentley) Wednesday Prayers <i>(In Church, 9:15am – Parents Welcome)</i>
29th	PTFA Sponsored Event <i>(Details sent separately)</i>

Best Wishes

Miss Alison De Ste Croix (Headteacher)

Term Dates

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Tuesday 5th September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Wednesday 6th September	Term starts
Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November	Half Term
Friday 22nd December	Term Ends

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January	Term Starts
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	Half Term
Friday 22nd March	Term Ends
Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April	Easter Holiday
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April	Term Starts
Monday 6th May	May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Friday 24th May	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 19th July	Term ends for pupils
Monday 22nd July	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

