

# September 2023

## Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the first few weeks back at school this term. The children have been working really hard and have come back full of enthusiasm. As the term progresses we look forward to welcoming you into school to look at your children's work, share in learning experiences and meet with your child's teacher.

As a school we were delighted with our children's SATs results which we will share on our website and we are very proud of the children and staff for their efforts. We continue to strive for the very best academic outcomes through a curriculum that is creative and inspiring and that 'Makes a Difference' to the children's own lives and those around them. We are considering changing the schools logo and motto to better reflect the school's current vision. Over the next few weeks we will be asking families to help design something new and exciting for the future!

Welcome especially to Mrs Barton, year 5, Miss Gilder, year 4 and Mrs Wood-Smith, year 2 who joined us in August, they already feel like they are fully part of our team and have brought with them a wealth of experience to enhance an already strong group of teachers. Welcome also to Miss Hackett, some of you will know her from five star and we are delighted that she has now joined us as part of our ever expanding TA team.

Thank you for both your patience and cooperation when entering and exiting the school grounds. We are delighted by the re configuration of the main entrance which many of you will have seen has a new parent waiting area, complete with a community lending library, disabled toilet and meeting room. Works at the back of the building are on track and by the end of November we should have new learning spaces which in this first phase will provide us with breakout and SEN spaces and new improved cloakrooms for our year 3 classes. We are working hard to re open the path to ensure access around the site as soon as possible. Until then and as previously communicated when the field is deemed unsafe we will send an in-app message to ask that you use the gate closest to your child's classroom and avoid movement across the field. Parents who have children in both EYFS & KS1 and KS2 are able to use the gate closet to EYFS/KS1 and allow their older children to walk across the hall into class. We appreciate this adds to business at the exits and ask for continued patience and care both when crossing roads and parking a safe distance from school. We liaise closely with the BEP Estates Manager and have concluded that this is the safest option for parents and pupils.

We hope to see you soon at Parents Evening or one of our Coffee Mornings, Information Evenings or Learning Experiences in the new term.

**Mr Lee**

## A curriculum that makes a difference...



Teachers have been working really hard over the summer to plan units of learning that are purposeful and 'make a difference' to the lives of others. Year 3 capitalised on the harvesting of our very own Syston plums that grow in Bells Wood. They made plum crumble. Purposeful and delicious, their teachers had many requests for seconds! We are hoping that your children have shown you their new found cooking skills at home.



It has been a wonderful sunny start to the new academic year and has been fantastic to see children's learning being developed through our school grounds as well as seeing children embracing the new areas at break and lunchtimes.