



## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and welcome to the new families who have joined us.

It has been a great start to the term and the whole school has a fantastic learning buzz about it. The children have been wonderful and the classrooms have been very well prepared by the staff. A huge thanks to the staff who worked over the holidays to make sure everything was ready. I would like to welcome Mrs Forshaw in Fieldmice class who has already established herself in the school and has provided a fantastic Early Years environment for the children to work within.

We would like to provide you with an opportunity to see the classes yourself and meet the teachers properly, so we have an annual meet the teacher welcome evening planned for Monday 18th September at 7pm. The teachers will provide you with an overview of the curriculum, key routines and expectations for the class and details about exciting events and topics coming up throughout the year. Each class will have the start time staggered so you will be able to go into all the classes where your children are. The start times are below:

7.00pm Fieldmice

7.20pm Squirrels

7.40pm Hedgehogs

8.00pm Badgers

Hedgehog class have already got a very exciting school trip organised for next Tuesday to really inspire their topic on Saxons and Vikings. They can't wait and I am really looking forward to them telling me all about Sutton Hoo next week.

This half term we are not only delivering an exciting topic led creative curriculum but will have a drive towards raising standards in spelling and handwriting; your assistance in this is appreciated and you will find out more about how this affects your child in the different classes at the aforementioned parent welcome evenings on the 18th September.

On the back page you will see a comprehensive list of dates for this term plus term dates for the whole year. Later this term we will issue a full list of dates for the year including dates for our sharing assemblies when the children share what they have been learning and you can stay afterwards to look at their books.

It has been a great start to the term so far, everyone has settled in really well.

Richard Brown





## Reminders and Notices:

**Clubs**—The following clubs will be running this term:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Circus Skills</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>KS2 Football</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Tennis Club</b>
	<b>Mad Science</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Multi Sports</b>

Booking for Circus Skills and Mad Science will be direct with the companies that provide them. You will have already received the information regarding Tennis and Multi Sports—please note it is cheaper to book for the block of 12 in both cases. You can book direct with Mr McGeorge by completing the form or online via AGORA.

Football Club should be booked via AGORA or by emailing [office@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk) or [Slockwood@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:Slockwood@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk) and sending payment into school. Pupils booked into Discovery Club on a Tuesday can attend football club free of charge but need to book a place by emailing as above.

**PE**—Please would you ensure that your children have a full PE kit in school all week. This must include suitable clothing and footwear for both outdoor and indoor PE. The children can get very cold outside this time of year if they do not have a tracksuit / jogging bottoms & a sweatshirt to wear over their shorts and T Shirt. If your child wears earrings they need to be able to take them out themselves; if they cannot please would you send them to school without earrings on the days that they do PE.

<b>Badgers</b>	Thursday and Friday
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>Squirrels</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<b>Fieldmice</b>	Tuesday am and Wednesday pm

### Other reminders:

Please can we remind everyone not to arrive at school before 8.40am, thank you.

Dinner money for children in Nursery and KS2 is now £2.30 per meal and should be paid weekly or half termly **in advance** please. This can be done via AGORA or by cash / cheque using the small yellow payment envelopes provided.



***Do you have a concern or query about your child, or would you just like someone to talk things over with?  
Come along to one of the our Parent Drop-ins and chat to the experienced Family Workers.***

***No need to book - Just turn up.***

*Tuesdays 2.00 - 3.15 pm*

**26<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**There are other drop-ins regularly at Burwell, Bottisham, Fen Ditton, Teversham, Kettlefields, Soham and Isleham  
- please ask for details.**



## Dates 2017 - 2018

### Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Hedgehog Class to Sutton Hoo

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Mad Science assembly

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Welcome Evening from 7pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Fulbourn Library to hand out Summer Reading medals in assembly

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Full Governing Body meeting 7pm

Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum—9.00am

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Parent Drop-in—2.00 - 3.15pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Service 2.15pm - Little Wilbraham Church

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Miss Luddy taking part in Kick Cancer Cup—please see Parentmail information

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Hedgehog Class to Ely Cathedral

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Mad Science after school club starts (1/8)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Census Day - all KS1 children to have lunch

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - The Great Fruit & Veg Adventure Assembly—more details soon

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – parent consultations 4.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – parent consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> October—Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - INSET

31<sup>st</sup> October – National closing date for secondary places—information will be sent home with Yr 6 pupils on 12th Sept

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Individual & Family photos

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Brian Moses Family Writing Event - evening

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Brian Moses visit to school

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Bonfire Lunch

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations - R - yr 4 pupils

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Hedgehog Class Sharing Assembly and 'Book Look'

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Yr 5/6 to Stibbington

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Yr 3/4 to Cambridge Museums

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Badger Class Sharing Assembly and 'Book Look'

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 5/6 to Cross Country at Netherhall

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Drop-in 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Panto to school 2pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – Dress rehearsal

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm – Christmas Service to include Christingle

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance –2pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance – 6pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - School closes

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December—Staff Training Days

### Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January—School opens

15<sup>th</sup> January - National closing date for primary places

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Parent Drop-in 2.00 - 3.15pm

12<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> February—Half Term

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Drop-in 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Lunch

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Class & Group vista photos

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service 2.15pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Concert 9.15am

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Lunch

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – School closes

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April—School opens

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – May Day holiday

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> –Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS

28<sup>th</sup> May—1<sup>st</sup> June—Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Staff Training day

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics Screening Check Week

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day lunch

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July—School closes