



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

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Autumn 1, Week 1 Newsletter



Dear Families,

What a wonderful start we have had to the new academic year! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support in helping us begin the year so positively. From preparing school uniform and registering for school meals to ensuring children arrive with the equipment they need, (including a named water bottle), your support really does make a difference and is appreciated.

During these first few days, our focus has been on helping children settle into their new classes, build relationships with their peer groups and become familiar with the adults who will be supporting them throughout the year. Each class has spent time discussing and agreeing their shared responsibilities and their vision of what they would like their class learning environment to be. We have worked together to consider what we can each do to create and maintain a safe, positive and purposeful ethos and how we can become a strong team. The children have also explored our school values of aspiration, resilience and kindness; considering how these values will guide their actions and learning throughout the year. There has been a real buzz around school, with children excited about the opportunities ahead and eager to grow, learn and flourish.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new Reception families. The children have made a fantastic start to school life and have already started embracing some of their new daily routines. On Monday, the children will enjoy their first full day at school. Mrs Williams is looking forward to welcoming Reception parents and carers back into school on Monday at **2.30pm** for a short information session before the end of the day. Your child will also then be able to show you their classroom and learning environment.

We have welcomed some new staff members this academic year and are pleased to have Mr Charman covering Miss Stopforth's Bindon Class whilst she is absent. Miss Williams is also joining the Winfrith Class team, and Mrs Best is now going to be a midday supervisor at Winfrith as well as her wrap around care role. Unfortunately, over the summer break Mrs Moore made the decision to leave and embrace a new chapter and I know all on the Winfrith site will really miss her. We are very grateful for all Mrs Moore has done for our school over the past few years and wish her all the best. From now on Mrs Woolley will be covering the office at the Winfrith site Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Temple-Webb will cover the office at the Lulworth site Monday to Wednesday and the Winfrith site Thursday morning and Friday afternoon.

Finally, at Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School we place great importance on developing strong and positive home-school relationships. We know that children thrive when families and schoolwork closely together, so please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the teaching team at the classroom door at the beginning or end of the day or contact the school office if you have any queries, concerns or information you would like to share. As you know, I am Headteacher across two schools and Miss Hardy (Deputy Head) also works across three sites. Unfortunately, it means we are not able to be physically present at both sites everyday however please be reassured you can always get in touch with us when needed so do just email/phone the office if you need to arrange a meeting/conversation. We are always happy to help and really do value open communication with our families.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Griffiths

Wrap Around Care

Thank you to those who have contacted us regarding issues they were facing when trying to book on and pay for before/after school care. We are very sorry for the inconvenience cause but are pleased to report that all should now be back in working order.

Please do book a place at Breakfast Club or After School Club if you would like your child to attend. If two siblings are attending the same session, you will be eligible for our **sibling discount**. In addition, childcare vouchers can also be used to pay for sessions.

Parents and carers can book a **casual place** at Owls Club up until the morning of the day required. Please note that there will be a **mid-morning booking cut-off** to allow us sufficient time to plan staffing arrangements and the transportation of children between our school sites.

Finally, thank you for striving to collect your child/ren promptly at the end of the school day. As per our policy, if a child is not collected at 3.05 (Infant site) or 3.15 (Junior site) and further adult supervision is needed then parents will be invoiced for the additional cost.

If you would like any further information about our wrap around care provision, please do look on our school website.

A polite reminder that children should not bring pencil cases into school, as all stationery required for learning will be provided by the school

Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER

Monday 7th	Welcome to Reception: Meet the Teacher informal sessions for parents	14.30 - 15.05
Tuesday 8th	Welcome to Year 1 and Year 2: Meet the teacher informal session for parents	14.30 - 15.05
Wednesday 9th	Welcome to Worbarrow Class: Meet the Teachers informal session for parents	14.45 - 15.15