

Autumn Newsletter 1

A very warm welcome back after the summer break to all our parents and carers, with a special welcome to all those joining us this year.

We have had a brilliant first few weeks in school. All of the children have settled in particularly well. We are especially proud of the reception children who have made such a wonderful start to school life. Thank you to all the parents/carers of our new children for doing such a great job of preparing them for starting school!

What's been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes 1, 2 & 3

The children have been learning the routines of school and exploring different areas of the classroom whilst getting to know the children in their class. The children have been doing some wonderful singing of nursery rhymes. They have been introduced to outdoor learning. They have started their phonics lessons focusing on the sounds that the letters 's', 'a' and 't' make.

In Year 1: Classes 4, 5 & 6

The children have enjoyed settling into Year 1 and getting used to going upstairs! They have been starting some brilliant writing about themselves and drawing pictures of their home and who lives with them. The children have been counting to 10 and more, sorting objects into groups based on size, colour or shape.

In Year 2: Classes 7, 8 & 9

They have started their topic about animals and their offspring. They have drawn self-portraits and have been counting forwards and backwards. In R.E. they have been looking at how they 'belong', including school, countries, languages and groups/clubs.

Identity Day

On Wednesday 24th September, we will be celebrating who we are and what makes us special and unique with our 'IDENTITY DAY'. It will be a day of learning all about each other.

Please see the letter attached to this week's Newsletter email about how you can help your child celebrate with us.



Please see the school website for our uniform requirements. Items do get mislaid around school so please ensure all your child's belongings and clothes items are labelled with their full name, including water bottles, so they can be returned if lost.

It's been a mixed bag of weather since starting back to school - rain, wind and warm sunshine all during one day! Please ensure your child has an appropriate waterproof coat, wears suitable shoes with socks, and has a sun hat and sun cream when necessary.

Parking around our school is very limited. To ensure the children's safety and consideration to our neighbours, we ask parents not to drive into, or park on Avon Gardens.

Reminders

Please activate your child's account with Evolve to order your child's lunch. You need to order 48 hours in advance:

<https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>

Contact details – new parents please ensure we have details of at least 2 to 4 people we can contact about your child. If any details have changed for existing parents, please log in and amend your details through your **Arbor** account. If there are any issues with logging onto Arbor, contact the school office admin@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk

If you would like your child to have milk in school this can be ordered through Cool Milk, <https://www.coolmilk.com/>. This is free for children under 5 but orders still need to be placed with Cool Milk.

If your child has medication to be administered at school, please ensure a medicine form is completed and both are passed to an adult at drop off and pick up time.

We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, as we have several children with severe allergies. If your child brings a packed lunch to school please ensure this does not contain nuts or food with traces of nuts.

Earrings – if your child has pierced ears, earrings must be removed on PE days or your child will not be able to take part.



Healthy Family Team

We have sent out a letter to parents/carers of children in Reception about the services provided by the Healthy Family Team. They offer support around common childhood issues such as toileting, sleep and eating.

All community news and events are found on our website on our Community Events page.

PTA

Please see the welcome letter from the PTA, also emailed to you. We have an active band of PTA volunteers who fundraise for school and support the community. They welcome new parents to get involved. You're cordially invited to their first informal meeting at 7.30pm on the 18th September at Portello Lounge on Central Avenue.

In school next week, the children will be creating art in their classrooms to be made into Christmas cards and other items to purchase soon.

Class Assemblies

This year we are inviting parents/carers to come in and enjoy a class assembly with your child. We look forward to the children leading the assembly with their class teacher. Please see dates and classes below. All assemblies will start at 2:30pm.

Class 8 – Thursday 9th October

Class 4 Thursday 20th November

Class 6 Thursday 27th November

Class 5 Thursday 4th December

Class 7 Thursday 29th January

Class 9 Thursday 12th February

Class 2 Thursday 18th June

Class 1 Thursday 9th July

Class 3 Thursday 16th July

School photos

The photographer will be in school on Friday 26th September to take individual and sibling portraits (siblings in school). These will be available to purchase, details to follow.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed below, we encourage you to register for free school meals as this will enable school to claim pupil premium allocation. The extra funding could support your child with extra support in school, and help with extra-curricular activities. Free school meals eligibility criteria:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

- Income Support

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Parents can telephone 0300 5008080 to apply, or online at the [NCC Synergy Hub](#)

Any queries, please ask at the school office.

Key dates for Autumn term

Wednesday 17 th September - 6pm	Year 2 information evening
Wednesday 24 th September - 6pm	Reception Parents Information evening
Friday 26 th September	Individual School Photographs
Friday 26 th September - 3:30pm	PTA cake sale outside (or hall)
Tuesday 30 th September	Harvest Assembly in School
Wednesday 1 st October - 6pm	Year 1 Information evening
Friday 3 rd October	Year 2 visit to Stonehurst Farm
Friday 3 rd October 4:45 – 5:45pm	Reception PTA Pyjama Party in the hall
6:00– 7:00pm	Year 2 PTA Pyjama Party in the hall
Friday 10 th October 4:45-5:45	Year 1 PTA Pyjama Party in the Hall
Thursday 9 th October 2:30pm	Class 8 assembly with Parents In School
Tuesday 14 th October 3:45 – 6:30pm	Parents' Evening in school
Thursday 16 th October 3:45 – 6:30pm	Parents' Evening in school
Monday 20 th Oct – Friday 31 st Oct	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET day