

OLD HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



THE FRIDAY FLYER

Friday 8th September 2023

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It is lovely to have the school full of children playing, learning and laughing again as opposed to the sound of drills and dust everywhere! Everyone has settled down really quickly and back into the swing of school life! Though the sunshine and heat has made for a hot return and several children have commented that the sun returned for the start of school but wasn't around much for the holidays!

A big hello and welcome to the new cohort of Early Years who have started this term and some new children who have moved to us from other schools. We also have three new staff to welcome to the Old Heath Team this term; Tamora Flowers has joined us as our new Finance Manager, Katie Lock has joined the learning support team and Lily Drane is on teaching practice placement with Year 5 for the year. We are very pleased to have you all with us and hope you will enjoy playing, learning and working in our lovely school!

The new school Diary Dates is being sent out with this newsletter. It has basic term dates, Non-Pupil days, trips already booked, swimming sessions and statutory assessment dates.

It will be updated as the year progresses.

BREAKFAST CLUB

As you will be aware from last term's letters & notices we had to make the difficult decision to stop running Breakfast Club. This was because it was costing the school more to run as there were not enough children taking up the places. Schools do not get funding to support Breakfast Clubs. Several parents have asked about it reappearing in the future. The bottom line is that to break even we would need at least 17 children everyday we are open and for it to be maintained long term!

PARKING

Just a gentle reminder at the beginning of the new school year to highlight the need for parents who are dropping children off by car to be respectful of our local residents driveways and to park legally and safely so that other parents with their children and buggies etc can walk down the pavements. Please try to avoid doing U-turns from the pavement opposite the school in front of the lollipop crossing! It only takes a few seconds to go down the road and turn around in a safer manner!



NEW START TIME & SCOOTERS!

Thank you very much for remembering the new gate opening times of 8.40am and that the children are now expected in their class at 8.50am when the register is taken. The school bell is ringing at 8.50am. There a lot more scooters being brought into school, which we do have space for at the moment by the old Pre School building. Please ensure that your child/ren are not riding their scooters on the way in or out of school. I do understand the slope out of school is great for free wheeling down but it is also busy with smaller children, push-chairs and prams etc. Any other scooters/bikes etc with younger siblings should not be ridden in the playground.



DONATED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to those who have donated pre-loved school uniform. We have the rail in the Hall that can be accessed in the morning before school starts. If you can't find the size you need please contact the office and we'll have a look through the stock we can't get on the rail!



RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS

Thank you for those deposits that have come in! We need twenty deposits on each trip to be paid so that we can continue with our bookings.