



WELCOME BACK !

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## Welcome Back

I was delighted to welcome back the children this morning! The children all looked smart, enthusiastic and had huge smiles on their faces as they returned to school. I know that all of the staff and I were equally excited to be back! This morning, the children in Years 1-6 came to a special welcome assembly, which was the first time we have gathered together since March 2020.

A warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and the many new families starting across the school.

**Respect** – This term our new value is Respect.

## Covid Precautions

Although most of the restrictions have now ended in school, we ask that you still do the following:

- Stay distanced from other families where possible.
- Do not enter classrooms or other parts of the school building.
- If you need to enter the school office, please do so 1 person/family at a time.

**Most importantly, if your child(ren) has any symptoms of Covid you must not send them (or any siblings) into school, until they have had a negative PCR test. The symptoms are: continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell.**

## Goodbyes

Over the summer, we said goodbye to a number of staff: our Year 3 teacher Mr Yates and teaching assistants Mrs Longshaw, Mrs Gott and Mrs Owens. We thank all four members of staff for their hard work and dedication to Zouch during the last few years. I know they will be greatly missed by the staff and children.

## New Staff Welcomes

We welcome a number of new staff to our team: Mrs Zhang, our new Year 3 Merlins teacher and Mr Fry who will be teaching in Year 4 Ospreys after a year teaching abroad. We welcome back Mrs Donald to our team, who will be our new Year 5 TA in Sparrowhawks. We also welcome Mrs Hacking who will be the new TA in Year 6 Snowy Owls and Mrs Adams who will be working in Year 4.

## Walk Home Permission

Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) may be given permission to walk home from school. You will need to give permission via the school office so this is shown on the class register (please see email sent to Y3 parents, or ring office).

Please note:

- If your child is in Year 4-6 and you have previously given permission to walk home, you do not need to give permission again.
- If you want to meet your child at the school gate or carpark, you must still give permission for them to leave the classroom alone.
- If children do not have permission, they will not be allowed to leave the classroom without an adult.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the most important part of our job. At the start of the new school year, all children make paper 'Safeguarding Hands' which they keep in school for the year. On the hands, the children identify special adults and friends who can support them if they have a worry or concern. We want every child in our school to know that they can always talk to any adult if they have a worry.

### Collection from School

If your child is going to be regularly collected by another adult (friend, grandparent etc.) who is not already listed as a contact, please let the school office know.

If your child is going to be collected by a different adult on a one-off occasion, please let the class teacher or school office know in the morning.

### Meet the Governors

Our governors play a vital role in the running of our school. Over the next few weeks, the school governors will be introducing themselves to you.

### PE and Forest Schools

A reminder that children no longer come to school wearing PE or Forest School kit and instead need to bring their kit in a bag to change into. Here is the timetable – PE and Forest Schools start next week:

Year Group	PE Day	Forest School Day
Year 1 (Nightingales/Skylarks)	Monday	Monday
Year 2 (Kingfishers/Woodpeckers)	Friday	Friday
Year 3 (Merlins/Eagles)	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 4 (Ospreys/Kestrels)	Wednesday	No Forest School Term 1
Year 5 (Peregrines/Sparrowhawks)	Thursday	No Forest School Term 1
Year 6 (Snowy Owls/Tawny Owls)	Thursday	Thursday

(Please note, Reception and Nursery parents will be informed separately when PE and Forest School begin).