



"WELCOME BACK!"

Dear parents and carers,

We are extremely happy to welcome you back to this new school year. To many of us (especially the children and the members of staff) sweet memories of the past summer break now seem as distant as ever. As refreshing as the period of respite was, it always feels wonderful to come back as a community. The initial feelings of anxiety borne of the unknown that lies ahead, have begun to give way to a positive anticipation, as green shoots of curiosity and zest begin to blossom.

Reflecting on the 'very' bygone summer, we were fortunate enough to enjoy many genuine days of sunshine. There were many local events including Fayres', Summer clubs' and community gatherings. In the wider world we saw disruption and strife in communities outside of London. It was a stark reminder of the sad outcomes for all when community spirit is poisoned by the subtle accommodation of "ideas" with disguised hate as their core motive. Observing community values break down in the wider country, reminds us all to be grateful for the community spirit that we enjoy here at Jessop Primary and in our immediate surrounding area. This is something that we intend to continue to protect and nurture.

This term you will be receiving information on your child's activities between now and the end of the year. Further specific communication will be shared with you over the remainder of the month. Separately there are some key notices that we would like to share with you in this letter.

Curriculum, Learning and Enrichment:

PE - Most classes will have 2 PE sessions each week. Children will need to bring a PE kit to school in a bag on the day that they have PE. Children are welcome to bring PE kits to School on a Monday and leave the kits in their trays for the week. Children should remember to take their PE kits home for washing on a Friday.

Swimming - Swimming will take place fortnightly for Year 3 pupils. Class teachers will confirm the start date. The appropriate equipment is required, in order for pupils to participate. Swimming is a compulsory national curriculum requirement as well as a potentially lifesaving skill and all pupils are expected to partake in sessions.

Horse riding - Year 5 Pupils will begin Horse riding on Tuesday 17th September at the Ebony Horse club. Consent forms will be shared with parents and will need to be returned before children can participate.

Violins - Year 2 Pupils will begin Violin/Cello lessons from Monday 16th September. Details of group sessions in other year groups will be shared by Music Master's tutors directly. Dates for Year 1 Musicianship sessions will also be shared in due course. School Band practice will continue on Monday and Wednesday Mornings.

Bike ability - Parents of Year 4 pupils should purchase cycle helmets for their children ahead of Bike ability sessions later in the school year. Dates for warm up, school based cycling activities will be confirmed in due course.



Clubs - Clubs will be available to book this week and sessions will begin from the week beginning 16th September.

Events:

Welcome back to School - This will take place on Friday 20th September from 3:15pm-4:30pm. You will have the opportunity to speak to the adults that work with your child in school. There will also be refreshments and entertainment.

Jessops Dads club - Every last Saturday of the month. An opportunity for fathers/uncles/brothers and grandfathers to come together, have lunch and participate in a range of activities for 2 hrs on the last Saturday of every month. This terms dates are:

Saturday 28th September

Saturday 26th October (half term starts on the Monday)

Saturday 30th November

Teddy Bears picnic - An opportunity for new Reception parents and children to meet the team, meet members of the PTA and familiarise themselves with the classroom environment.

SEND Breakfast morning - For parents to know how children with additional educational needs are supported in school and to share information from external specialists who work alongside school staff.

Uniform expectations:

Children are expected to attend school daily in full uniform. The expectation will be encouraged, celebrated and enforced with the provision of spare uniform where there is persistent failure to adhere to the policy. Parents should make direct contact with the school if there is a genuine reason as to why a child is not able to come to school in their uniform.

Raising of Concerns and sharing of good news:

To discuss any matters of concern about your child's time in school, please refer to the process below and escalate as appropriate:

- Report on class teacher
- Refer to Phase leader
- Make contact with senior leader

To share good news or positive feedback you can email the school office or send messages directly to class teachers via Google classroom.

Knowledge organisers with specific detail on what your children will be learning across the various subject areas will also be available at the Welcome event on the 20th. With your support, we expect to have a rewarding and fulfilling term. We look forward to working together in order to achieve this.

Yours sincerely,
K. Baffoe