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Dear Parents,

What an amazing week it has been! The children have all come back with a brilliant attitude to school life and learning. There have been many new routines for the children, staff and parents to learn and everyone has worked as a team to get these up and running smoothly.

Planning lunchtimes was a big logistical jigsaw involving lots of bits of paper and it has worked brilliantly in practice. The children have their zone to play in outside and their zone to eat in in the hall. The one-way system all works so the children can wash their hands when it is time and lead in and out of the hall whilst remaining in their bubble. It has been so lovely to hear the children chatting and enjoying time together whilst having their lunch.

As everyone learns which door they are coming in and out of, drop offs and pick ups are becoming smoother. To enable the system to work ensuring that we minimise risk to everyone at drop off and pick up please remember the following points:

- Be considerate of others – keep 2m distance.
- Don't overtake or talk over people
- Keep your children with you as you are walking around the one-way system
- Don't be early – the school gate will not be open until 8.45am and 3.15pm as this is when staff are ready.
- No dogs on school site, including the carpark as this is now the main exit
- Don't park in the layby out of school
- Please do not use the school entrance as a turning place for your vehicle

If everyone can stick to these simple rules, it will make the beginning and end of the day run smoothly and safely!

Class Names

In KS2 some of our classes have a new mix of children and so they have been busy deciding what their new names will be. Following a vote by the children the new class names are:



Mrs Adams/Mrs Oakley (Y3/4) – Robin Class

Mrs Wright (Y4/5) – Kingfisher Class

Mrs Priestley/Mrs Goatley (Y5/6) – Osprey Class

Children in Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers were very keen to stay the same so these haven't changed!



New Starters

Welcome to all our new starters in Squirrels Class. They have had a very exciting week popping in for a school visit to meet the team and to have a look around the classroom, then two induction visits. They have been busy exploring the classroom and making new friends. Next week we look forward to welcoming them in the morning and they'll be staying for lunch!



Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly was a bit different this week! As we can't all meet together in the hall we had a TEAMS meeting and all the classes joined and shared their star of the week with the school. It was so lovely to see everyone on the screen and hear their enthusiasm for seeing the other classes.

How to communicate with school?

At the moment we cannot have our quick catch ups with you at drop of and pick up, but communication with you is so very important and we want to keep in touch. If you have any questions or queries about the class and routines, please contact your child's teacher using the private message function on Class Dojo. If you need to contact me or the school office please phone or email.

Technology Questionnaire

Many thanks to those who have completed the technology questionnaire I sent out on Dojo yesterday. If you haven't done so, please can you as it will really help us to ensure we plan to meet the needs of our school community.

It has been a very busy week for everyone as we settle back into school life. Please make sure you have a rest over the weekend so your child has a chance to recharge their batteries ready for next week – it's hard work learning lots of new things!



Best wishes

J. Exton

Mrs Exton
Headteacher