



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

### Primary Week 2nd September 2022

Dear Community,

We are so pleased to be back! The children have been absolutely brilliant this week. They have settled straight back into school life and made our new families feel very welcome.

### The Forest and Values Schools

As you will know the Primary School is split into Infants and Juniors and each has its own identity and focus. The Infant Forest School focuses on leading learning through play and this is at the heart of everything we do. Children direct their own learning and take topics in their own direction.

The Junior Values School, embraces traditional values, with high expectations and good self-discipline, in a school where academic excellence, empathy, and future leaders



thrive. The staff and leaders at the school believe that education should not simply be about delivering a curriculum and assessments, but that real learning stems from stimulating intellectual curiosity, a strong grounding, and nurturing a love for the subjects taught. Look out for the 'Manners Matter' initiative that will be launched next week.

For more information, watch the <u>video</u> for the Infant School, and <u>this</u> for the Junior School. We are also pleased to share with you our whole school video, which can be viewed <u>here</u>. Enjoy seeing our wonderful students in action!

## **Masterclass**

Our exciting enrichment lessons will be starting soon! For those of you have recently joined the school, masterclass is an enrichment lesson which all students from Year 1 to 6 take part in every Wednesday afternoon for the last hour of the school day. Students are invited to select an activity from a vast array of activities for their year group. These may include: sports, crafts, languages and much more! For students in Years 3-6 they are also invited to take part in off-site activities which include: TopGolf, Scuba Diving and Acrobatic Diving. Masterclass lessons will commence after the mid-term break on Wednesday 26th October. Further information about activities and sign up will be shared soon.



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## Lunches Update - Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Respectful

This term the school canteen will be available for our Junior Values School. Social skills, table manners and knowledge of food are important factors of our Junior School. We believe that learning doesn't stop at lunch and as a result students, teachers and leaders will be adapting classroom rules to create a set of dining hall rules.

To ensure that lunchtimes are enjoyable and organised we will be phasing students return to the dining hall. Please see below the dates when students will begin eating in the dining hall: FS – Y2 do not use the dining area.

Y6 – 29/8 Y5 – 12/9	Y4 – 19/9	Y3 – 26/9
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**No Nuts!** Can we also please remind everyone that we have a 'no nuts' policy in school. This includes 'Nutella' and other such nut snacks. We will be promoting healthy eating by giving children house points for junior school and stickers for the primary students.

### **iPads**

If you still need to sign up to our e-safety platform, JTRS will be in school on the following dates from 7.30 – 10am. Please note that from October 1st, students will not have access to wifi if their device is not subscribed to the MDM e-safety platform.

Monday 5th September	Tuesday 13th September	Tuesday 20th September
Tuesday 6th September	Monday 19th September	Tuesday 27th September
Monday 12th September		

# **Upcoming Key Dates**

05.09.22	FS2 start school
05.09.22	FS1 induction week
06.09.22	Year 1 Curriculum evening – 5pm
06.09.22	Year 2 Curriculum evening – 6pm
06.09.22	Squad trials begin
13.09.22	FS Curriculum evening
14.09.22	Teaching Assistant Day
15.09.22	Swimming Gala

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