



It has been really enjoyable seeing all the children returning so enthusiastically after the summer break. September is always a time of great excitement in schools; returning back to see old friends and the excitement of 'moving up' a year group or getting a new teacher. I'm sure now that we are past the 'bubble' stage of the pandemic, parents are as excited as the staff in getting back to near normality. Let's hope 2021-22 is a fruitful year for us all.

We have welcomed 14 new children into our Kingfisher class; they have all settled in really well to life at our school having been here each morning this week. We have also welcomed several new Robins who have started in our preschool. As well as this, we are very pleased that Miss Christie Foote has joined our teaching team as the new teacher for Swallows. The children in her class have really enjoyed getting to know her during the first few days. Mrs Paula Layland has also moved within our team and is now teaching Kingfisher class. She retains some of her Preschool Leader responsibilities but Mrs Christine Macey now shares this role and is point of contact for all parents in Robins.

We have updated our Covid Risk Assessment in line with all the new guidelines for schools. Essentially, the majority of school is now running as it used to, with increased ventilation and hygiene. We will post it on the school website for you to read if you would like.

The building work is reaching a conclusion and by the end of next week, we are hopeful to have Swallow Class in their new classroom as well as our office staff in their new location. We are really looking forward to being able to show you all around the new building, as well as the infant block which many of you will not have had the opportunity to look at.

With reduced space in our playground it has been difficult to welcome all parents on site first thing in the morning; we are looking forward to more space once the builders compound has gone. Please be aware that the gate is opened at 8.30am for Robin's parents and children. If you have a child in one of the other classes we request that you do not leave your child until a member of staff from your child's class is on the playground.

We will be beginning after-school clubs on the week of Monday 20th September. It was not possible to start these earlier because of the building works. You will have a separate letter going home today by email and in your child's book bag so that you can sign your child up to them. There are limited spaces available so we will be offering them on a first come first served basis and email replies, followed up by the paperwork is acceptable for getting your child's name onto the lists.

Mrs Phillips

Mr Turull



Notices

- If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff from your child's class you can do this via your child's class email address, or for Kingfisher and Starling Class; the PiP book. Email addresses are as follows
kingfishers@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
starlings@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
swallows@leighonmendipschool.co.uk
Goldfinches are awaiting an email address so please use the office email until further notice.
- Please return the annual permission slips and confirm the data collection sheets have accurate information about your child by signing them on the reverse of the form and returning them to the school office as soon as possible.
- If anyone would like to be a parent governor, please return your nomination form to the school office by Monday 20th September.

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 1

Each week starting on Monday 20th September

Monday	<u>After school</u> Sunflower Club
Tuesday	<u>AM</u> - PE for children in Robins and Kingfishers with Mr Groves <u>PM</u> - PE for children in Starlings and Goldfinches with Mr Groves <u>After school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>After school</u> - Eliart Club
Thursday	<u>PM</u> - Swimming for Goldfinch and Swallow Class <u>After school</u> - Wizz Pop Bang Club
Friday	<u>After school</u> - Yoga Club

September

Mon 13th	Frome Tennis Club coaching sessions for children in Years 2 - 6. Please wear PE kit to school PM - Weekly violin lessons start for Swallow Class. Please bring in violins from home Children in Kingfisher Class stay for lunch all week
Tues 14th	FOLS Meeting in The Bell Inn at 8pm. All welcome
Mon 20th	Children in Kingfisher Class in school all day from now on

October

Fri 15th	AM School photographer in school to take individual photographs of all children in school
Fri 22nd	INSET day

FOLS

Our first FOLS meeting of the year will be on

Tuesday 14th September at 8pm at The Bell Inn

We would love to see old and new parents at this meeting

Please do come along