

**Our Christian Value this half term is Service**

**“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.” – John 12:26**

I do hope that you all had a lovely summer, spending time with family and friends. We are starting our new school year hopeful and cautiously optimistic!

We have had a wonderful first few weeks back and the children have settled back into their old “normal” routines very well. Some of the highlights have been to have assembly together again in the hall and to eat lunches in the hall or packed lunches for Key Stage 2 outside again. For our Year 1 children this has been a first and even the current Year 2s only had a term of whole school assemblies. It was really poignant to hear the children sing and singing all together has been something both children and staff have really missed over the last 18 months. The children have also enjoyed playing together on the playground.

Of course a particularly exciting and new experience for our Year 1 & 2 children has been the new Pirate ship! I think it’s fair to say that the children have loved every minute of using it! We are also expecting 5 new pieces of equipment for the junior trail to be installed in the very near future.

**Please remember, children should not be using the play equipment before or after school.**



Please can I remind all parents, all pedestrians should come through the pedestrian gate not cutting through the kiss and drop gate. When your children are in Year 5 / 6 they may walk to school independently and we don't want them to walk through the area cars will be driving. Thank you to parents who have used the kiss and drop area, you have been so considerate towards our children and we all appreciate that.

**Please remember no cars should be stopping to drop off children or parking on the yellow hatched lines outside school.**

The children have settled down extremely well in their new classes, classrooms and with their new teachers. Learning has started in earnest and we have been delighted with the effort the children have already put into their work. Thank you for sending the children back so smartly with their uniforms. They all seem to have grown over the summer holidays.

Here is a glimpse of our very busy first two weeks!

**We welcome our Reception children, all in school for the first time! What a very busy Friday we were having. Apple & Beech classes are enjoying getting to know each other.**



The Reception staff team are impressed with how well the new Reception are doing!



**Damson Class practising "one more than" in maths**



**Chestnut Class working hard at their maths learning too!**



**Elder Class balancing, moving backwards in PE**



**Hawthorn Class classifying facts about penguins**



**Juniper Class - Elodie and Mrs Vander are very proud of her writing!**



**Lime Class learning about place value up to 1,000**



Maple and Oak Classes practising "Times Tables Rockstars"



Rowan Class completing their times tables assessments



Pine Class learning about digital safety in PHSE



Silver Birch - Conscience alley giving advice to a character "in role" from their text "Stay Where You Are, Then Leave"



Willow Class taking part in orienteering in PE

We have all really enjoyed having assemblies and lunch in the hall again after so long without being able to. The children were so pleased to see the salad cart again! The kitchen ladies are over the moon to see the children again and be able to talk to them when they come in for lunch!

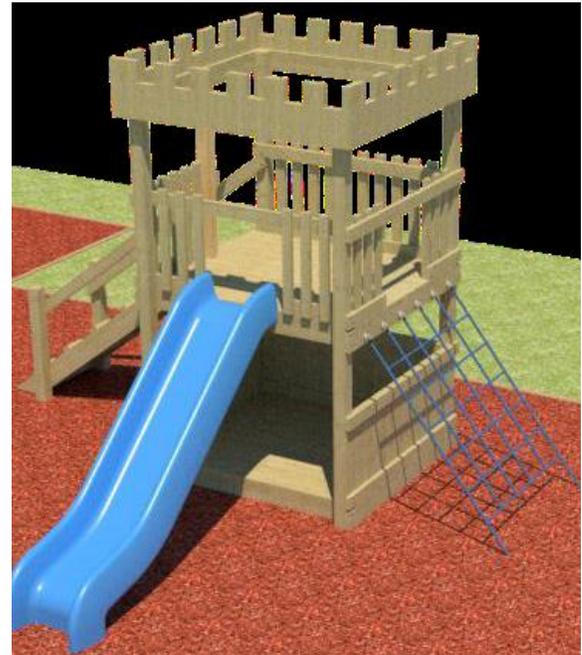


Years 1-6 in the hall for assembly and enjoying singing together



Eating lunch again with our friends!

We are now awaiting the play equipment for our junior children. This is only for children in Years 3 – 6 to use at break times and lunch times under school staff supervision.



These are just two pieces we have ordered for the junior trail! There are also three more pieces coming. Our Key Stage 2 children have been quite jealous of our younger children's play ship! We hope they will now be excited as they are due to be installed shortly. Thank you to the PTA who kindly donated money raised by the children from our sponsored laps around the field last term! We know the children will enjoy using them. The children love playing table tennis and table football at break time and lunch time.

## **Achievement Leaves on the Tree:**

09:09:2021

Chestnut –Elodie, Damson –Hugo, Elder – Henry, Hawthorn –Gracie & Charlie , Juniper – Dylan , Lime –Ben, Maple –George K, Oak – George B, Pine- Morgan, Rowan -Indigo , Silver Birch –Arthur, Willow –Tyler



16:09:2021

Chestnut –Alex, Damson –Olivia, Elder – Matilda MW, Hawthorn –Ivy , Juniper – Hugo , Lime –Arelie, Maple –Rohan, Oak – Cooper, Pine- Gabi, Rowan -Layla , Silver Birch –Aggie, Willow –Savannah



## **Congratulations:**

Willow – Sam for gaining his pen licence

## Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

23:09:2021

Chestnut – Henry, Damson –Harry S Elder –Seth, Hawthorn – Bethan , Juniper –Jasper , Lime –Tyler,  
Maple –Annabelle, Oak – Charlie, Pine-Ayla , Rowan -Harriet , Silver Birch –Chris, Willow –Amelie



## School Ambassadors 2021 – 2022



Perseverance Lead - Cameron, Deputies – May & Charlotte Aspiration Lead – Eva, Deputies Lars & Georgie Respect Lead – Chris N, Deputies Alice & Amelie Teamwork Lead – Hollie, Deputies Noah & Grace Anti bullying Leads – Bella & Luka, Deputies Mia H, Amy & Josh