

Misson Primary School

You already have your wings, we will help you fly



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good summer break and managed to avoid some of the interesting weather we have had.

All the staff have been in school for the past 2 days, and have been busy getting ready to welcome you back. We are very excited to see you again and finding out what the children have been doing over the summer break.

You may have seen in the news that some schools have been closed due to unsafe concrete building materials. I would like to reassure you all that there is none of this material in our school, and we will not be asked to close now or in the future.

We are pleased to be welcoming Misson Pre School into our school and a huge amount of work has gone into repurposing the school building to create a new Pre School room and Reception classroom. Staff have been working very hard and these rooms are looking fantastic ready for your children tomorrow.

Also joining us this term (up to Christmas) in Year 1&2 is Mrs Gregory. She has taught KS1 classes in a number of schools and will be a great new member of the Misson teaching team.

Below, you will find a reminder of the arrangements for the start and end of the school day, as well as some other useful information.

Start and finish times

School **starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:15pm** for all children in Year 1 to Year 6.

Reception children will be different to the first 5 days as follows-

Wednesday 6th September to Wednesday 13th September - sessions will be 8.50am to 1.00pm

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th - sessions will be Full time 8.50am – 3.15pm

Accessing School

Parents and children will be able to enter and exit via the KS2 gate or the field gate, whichever is most convenient. Please remember that children must not play football in the playground before school for the safety of other people walking through the playground, especially those with young children.

Reception children will enter school through the white door to their cloakroom.

Year 1&2 children will use the door directly into their classroom.

Year 3&4 will use the cloakroom door on the KS2 playground.

Year 5&6 will use the door directly into their classrooms.

Teachers in all classes will stand by the doors to welcome their children into school.

We are really pleased with the way children have come into school after saying good bye to their parents and carers on the field or playground. We would like to continue this for all classes. To support your child's independence, and to make morning drop offs quick and tear free, we would like parents and carers to say goodbye in the playgrounds, and not to come into school with them. Teachers will be around if you need a quick word, once your child has gone into school, or alternatively it would be good if you could send a quick Dojo message instead.

Contact details – Please make sure you keep your contact details up to date, these include mobile phone numbers and email address. We have had some parents missing important information because we did not have their correct details. We will send out a new contact sheet for parents to fill in next week.

Breakfast and After School Clubs – To enable our successful clubs to continue to run smoothly, please could all parents and carers make sure they give 24 hours' notice to cancel a pre booked place, to avoid being charged. Can you also make sure places are paid for in advance.

Children having packed lunches – Please can you ensure that your child does **not bring nuts, or food containing nuts** into school, as we have several children with severe allergies to them. Could you also make sure your child has a drink and any cutlery they need to eat their packed lunch and we will be asking the children to take the rubbish home from their lunches so parents can see what they have eaten.

Looking Forward

The following things are happening next term:

- We will continue to invite parents to the last Friday assembly of each month to see children receiving special mentions and awards.
- School starts – Wednesday 6th September 8.50am
- Parents' welcome morning – Wednesday 13th September 9.00 - 10.00am
- Half term - school finishes – Friday 20th October
- School reopens on Monday 6th November
- Autumn term finishes on – Friday 22nd December
- There will be 3 further INSET days on Monday 19th February, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July.

I will publish a list of events for the year ahead in early September.

Parents' welcome morning

On Wednesday 13th September we are having our parents welcome morning from 9am to 10am where all parents are welcome. Please drop your children off as normal, then make your way to the hall, where tea and coffee will be available from the kitchen. At around 9 am parents will be able to join their children in their classrooms (the teachers need a few minutes to take the registers and settle the children down).

The teachers will be putting out activities that you can do with your children if you would like, but there is also an opportunity for you to speak informally with your child's teacher and have a look in other classrooms around the school. Tea and coffee will continue to be served in the hall where there will be some tables and chairs so parents can sit and chat. Please feel free to write comments in the comments book which will be available in the hall.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

John Birch