



Durand Primary School

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Headteacher – Mrs Kilbourn

Return to School September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an honour and pleasure to welcome you all back to school as Headteacher this week. Thank you so much for the warm welcome, it has been great speaking to some of you, please come and say hello if you haven't already done so. I am beginning to learn the names of the children and look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. Seeing the children's smiling faces as they come into school is a lovely start to my day. Nursery and Reception children have settled in very quickly, it has been wonderful to see all our Durand School family back with us and I would especially like to send a very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year!

There is a Parent Teacher Association meet and greet on Monday 18th September. Please come and join us for tea and biscuits. It would be lovely to see you there and build support for our school together.

As well as myself, we are delighted to welcome three further new members of staff to our school family. Mrs Sinead Perry joins us as our Year 3 teacher, Mrs Ruth Higgs has joined our Teaching Assistant team and Jonathan Lane is our caretaker. We all give them a very warm welcome.

I have visited classrooms and joined the children on the yard daily and it is lovely to see everyone in the correct school uniform. The children look very smart and ready to learn. Please, please, please label everything.

PE kits are to continue to be worn on PE days. However, I MUST stipulate this is a PE kit and NOT non uniform.

P.E. Kit: Dark tracksuit / joggers and warm jumper or plain sports top /black shorts black leggings, plain t-shirt and trainers. House coloured t-shirts should also be worn: Wye/Blue, Monnow/Yellow, Severn/Green, Usk/Red
We don't want lots of money spent on this, hence the plain requirement and not branded sports wear.

No pupil is allowed to wear jewellery other than plain ear studs. If wearing studs on a PE day they will be asked to tape them over during PE.

Dates:

- **Parent Teacher Friends Association meet and greet: Monday 18th September 2.30pm Nursery building. All welcome.**
- Flu spray vaccination: Wednesday 27th September
- School Photos: Wednesday 4th October
- Half Term: 30th October - 3rd November
- Parent Consultations: WB 6th November
- Training Day: Thursday 21st December
- Training Day: Friday 22nd December

All dates are provisional and subject to change. More dates and details to follow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannah Kilbourn
Headteacher

