



Headteacher: Mr L Smith Coton-in-the-Elms C of E Primary School

6th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break and an especially warm welcome to our new children and families. It is wonderful to see all of the children looking fully refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

First of all, a big thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your child is 'kitted out' with our revised school uniform. Our older children are walking around school with their heads held high in their new school tie and I am convinced that this will enable them to be better prepared when they leave us for Secondary school.

Diary dates will be uploaded onto our website over the next few days so that you can all find out what we have in store for the children this year. We have tried to get as many dates on the list as possible so you can plan in advance but I am sure that more will be added in due course. So you don't miss out when a new date comes out, make sure that you are signed up to receive email alerts. This can be done by clicking on the red star which is displayed on the home page of our website. Over the next few months we will be giving our website a refresh, so keep your eyes out for the new changes and updated content.

I'd also like to draw your attention to some dates that may be of interest to you below:

11 th September @ 2:30pm	Welcome to Wise Owls (Mrs Weston's class): meeting for parents
12 th September @ 2:30pm	Welcome to Brilliant Badgers (Miss Popple's class): meeting for parents
13 th September @ 2:30pm	Welcome to Happy Hedgehogs (Mrs Smith's class): meeting for parents
14 th September @ 2:30pm	Welcome to Super Squirrels (Mrs Christie's class): meeting for parents
15 th September @ 9:00am	Welcome to Funky Foxes (Mrs Dyke's class): meeting for parents
22 nd September @ 9.00am	Cuppa & Cake with the Headteacher (informal meeting for parents)

As always, all parents, carers and relatives are welcome to attend our weekly reward assembly which takes place every Friday from 2:45pm (doors open 2:30pm).

I just need to inform you about some works that are currently being carried out. Over the holidays we have not been able to get hot water to all areas of the school, due to a problem with our school boiler. Having checked with Derbyshire County Council, it is perfectly safe to remain open. Please be assured that this issue is being dealt with and we should have hot water to all areas of school by the end of this week. In the interim period, to assist the school kitchen and to ensure that we maintain good standards of hygiene, the children will be eating their school dinner off disposal plates. We are always encouraging the children to use antibacterial hand gel in school anyway.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to come into school and chat to us. The first port of call is always the class teacher, as they are best placed to shed light on a situation. In the event that you wish to take the matter further, please arrange a meeting with either Mrs Weston (our Key Stage 2 Leader) or Mrs Smith (our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Leader).

Once again, it is great to be back and I look forward to working with you over the coming year, to ensure that our school continues to improve and move forward.

Yours Sincerely

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