

Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to drop you a line to welcome you back to Pilgrim at the beginning of this new academic year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families and pupils who have joined us in Years 1 to 6. We are also looking forward to getting to know our new Foundation children when they join us next week.

I am incredibly impressed with the way all of our children have returned to school with such enthusiastic and positive attitudes. They are settling very well into the new routines and expectations of their classes.

School Uniform

It is also great to see so many children in the correct uniform to start the new school year. I can really see the improvement in all areas of our school uniform, especially in the number of pupils who are wearing sensible black shoes - they all look so smart! So, I wanted to thank you all for supporting the recent changes to the uniform policy so positively and completely. Our pupils are certainly wearing their uniforms with pride to start the year!

The school building

I am sure your son or daughter will have already told you about our 'new and improved' main school hall. Over the holidays we have completed a very successful refurbishment of the hall to include the building of 2 new internal store cupboards, the installation of a new lighting system, a new floor and a complete redecoration. The hall now looks fantastic and is more in-keeping with the rest of our lovely school building. We are all very pleased with the results.

We have also made a start on the ramp access to the top KS2 playground, which we hope to complete in the next few weeks. We are just waiting for the hand railing to be made and fitted and then the ramp will be ready to be used. I hope this change to our site will make a big difference to those parents/carers dropping off children to our Year 3 and 4 classes.

Meet the Teacher event

As you know, here at Pilgrim we are very keen on working in partnership with families, parents and carers. It is important to us that you feel confident that your child has settled and is happy in their new class. The best way to do that is to see it in action, so below are the dates for our (very informal) 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which will take place in a couple of weeks. These are short sessions where you will be given some practical information about the class routines and homework



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expectations, meet the staff who will be working with your child and be able to ask any questions, if you have them. More importantly, it is a chance for your son or daughter to show you their classroom and share some of the learning they have done so far in their new class.

More formal Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings are planned to take place just before October half term, which give an opportunity for you to talk in more depth with your child's class teacher about your individual child.

Year/class	Day/Date
Y1 Sea Stars/Seahorses	Monday 18 th September
Y2 Penguins/Owls	Tuesday 19 th September
Y3 Chameleons/Geckos	Wednesday 20 th September
Y4 Lions/Tigers	Thursday 21 st September
Y5 Dolphins	Friday 22 nd September
Y6 Eagles	Monday 25 th September
All sessions are at 2.45 to 3.10 pm. Parents of Years 1 to 4 please come in via external classroom doors Parents of Year 5 & 6 , please come to the main office at 2.45 pm	

'The Pilgrim Post' Newsletters

Now that we are using our website more to give parents and Carers updates and information, this year I will be sending a Newsletter home on the **last Friday of every month** (not fortnightly as I was last year). Other letters and information will still come home regularly in paper format and we will continue with our text messaging system. Please still check our website regularly for reminders, Tweets and Facebook messages. My first Newsletter will be sent home on **Friday 29th September**.

Have a great weekend with your child/children...they deserve a rest already!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Meek
Headteacher

