

Dear families,

It's been a wonderful start to the term, thank you for your support. The children and staff are really enjoying their new classes, their new topics and being back with their friends. I hope you are happy with how your child has settled back into school.

Soft Start

From Monday, once the children come through the school playground gates they will walk straight into class ready for the start of the school day at 8:35. This is something that we have done in the past and we are ready to trial it again now that the children are familiar with their new classrooms. The Cemetery Road gate will open at 8:30 to allow children time to walk up. The Queensway gate will open just after half past. Please try to arrive at the school gate at these times. We have had excellent levels of attendance and punctuality this term so a huge thank you to you for supporting the earlier start time.

Weekly Homework

From Monday, a new homework sheet with everything in one place will come home each week. This includes their weekly spellings, weekly basic maths facts, a reminder to complete Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) and home reading which should be recorded in their planner. We will monitor homework each day to try and help the children develop good habits. Please see the tasks as little and often. The tasks are focussed on key skills and your support at home in helping your child to learn these are invaluable.

Y6 SATS

Y6 will also have further homework to support them in their SATs this year. Please reassure the children, as we do, that the tests are a measure of the school and not them. We will be hosting a Y6 parent event which will explain the SATs and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions later this term.

Twitter

Over the last couple of weeks, following the death of Her Majesty we have had to reduce our communications during the period of mourning. We have therefore not been tweeting or communicating as much as we normally would. We are now back up and running and are busy trying to share as much of the school day with you as we can. You can follow us @OJA_Brumby. Twitter is a great way of following your child's class too. Staff share positivity frequently and it gives you a good insight into school life. If you haven't already, please start to follow your child's class. A separate letter with further details on how to use Twitter will follow.

Thank you again for your continued support. As always, if you have any concerns, please come and talk to staff. Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr S Tait