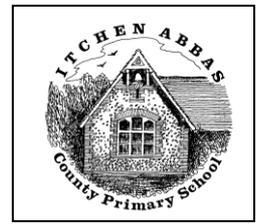


Itchen Abbas Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back!

It has been a pleasure to see your children coming back to school with such enthusiasm. They have settled into their new classes quickly, and I hope that our extended transition programme throughout the Summer term helped in supporting the children through this change.

I have been especially impressed by our new Reception children who have also started school positively and are already working well with our year 1 children. The year 1 children must be congratulated on how caring and supportive they have been to the new children, demonstrating our school ethos. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined across the school.

Change in Role

We have chosen to use our Sports Funding differently this year and we believe this will have a positive impact, providing additional opportunities for the children to participate in high quality sports across the week. Mr Robbins, known last year as Coach Sam, has a new role across school. Mr Robbins now works full time in the school. He will be on the playground in the mornings from 8.15-8.30am, leading opportunities for exercise during this time. This could be Golden Mile or games involving raising the children's heart rates before the start of the school day.

He will also be leading sports clubs during lunch times. Some clubs will be targeted to provide extra coaching for children to support and challenge sports skills, others will be for fun. This has been explained and promoted with the children. We are also now able to run more Sports clubs after school. Letters have gone home with details and we currently have a few spaces left.

Mr Robbins will also be teaching our curriculum PE lessons and providing further training to our teachers to ensure that curriculum lessons are fun and high quality.

Diary Dates

We have nearly finished liaising with the necessary organisations to set provisional dates for the school year. A list of these dates will be published at the end of this week. Our first Parent Evenings will be the week before October half term and a letter will be sent out to request appointments soon. This is an opportunity to see how well your child has settled and to discuss their targets. However, if you have a concern or worry please make an appointment to meet with your teacher sooner.

Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who wrote to me or the teachers at the end of the Summer term with kind messages and praise for the school. We really appreciated your kind thoughts.

I have really enjoyed being on the front gate in the mornings to welcome children and parents to school. You are very welcome to catch me in the mornings for a simple chat, pass on a message or to talk things through. At the end of the day, I will also be on the playground as often as I can and look forward to seeing you.

This half term, our learning value focus is **resilience**. Photographs in our school hall show children displaying resilience in their learning. Every child has also contributed to our entrance display with something they are aiming for this year. Do come and have a look!

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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