

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolute joy it has been to see our school buzzing with energy and excitement once again! The summer holidays feel like a distant memory as we've welcomed back all our fantastic children, ready for another incredible year of learning and discovery.

I'm particularly thrilled to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined the Newall Green Primary School community. Watching new children take their first steps through our doors, some with nervous excitement and others with boundless enthusiasm, reminds me exactly why I love working in education. There's something truly magical about those first few days – seeing friendships blossom, confidence grow, and that wonderful spark of curiosity ignite.

Our returning children have settled back into school life beautifully, sharing tales of their summer adventures and showing remarkable maturity as they've moved up into their new year groups. The corridors are filled with chatter, laughter, and the kind of positive energy that makes our school such a special place to be.

To every family, whether you're continuing your journey with us or just beginning – thank you for choosing Newall Green Primary School. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

## Staff name changes

It gives me enormous pleasure to extend our heartfelt congratulations to four members of our school family who have recently celebrated their weddings.

I am thrilled to announce the following name changes that reflect these wonderful new chapters in our colleagues' lives:

Mr Smith is now Mr Killingbeck, Miss Jeacott is now Mrs Pope, Miss Wilson is now Mrs Pearson, and Miss McCormack is now Mrs Naworol.

These dedicated professionals continue to bring the same passion, commitment and care to our children each day, and we couldn't be more pleased for them as they embark on these exciting new journeys in their personal lives.

From all of us at Newall Green Primary School, we wish them every happiness, love and joy as they begin married life.

#### **Parent Meetings**

This month, there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher, to gather information and to learn more about the year ahead.

Please see the below information and only attend on the day of the meeting for your child's year group.

Monday 15th September

Tuesday 16th September

Wednesday 17th September

Friday 19th September

Year 3

Friday 19th September

Year 6

Monday 22nd September

Year 1

Tuesday 23rd September

Year 4

The meetings will take place in the Key Stage 2 hall and will start at 9.00am.

We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

### **School Photos**

I wanted to share some important information about our upcoming school photograph day, which I know many of you look forward to each year. **Thursday 18th September** will be our individual school photograph day, and I wanted to ensure you have all the details to help the day run as smoothly as possible for everyone involved.

As always, we will be starting the morning with sibling and family photographs. If you'd like family photos taken, please bring all your children and join the queue - I do ask for your patience as there may be quite a wait, but it's always worth it for those lovely family memories! To help manage the flow, we'll have two photographers working, so you can go to either hall from 8.15am.

Once you've finished with family photos, please take your child to their classroom via the main office. This ensures we can mark them as present for the day, which is important for our attendance records. Throughout the rest of the morning, we'll be taking individual photographs of all the children in their classes.

A couple of important reminders: please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform on photograph day - it really does make such a difference to their photos. If for any reason you don't wish your child to have an individual photograph taken, please let their class teacher know beforehand.

I'm sure we'll capture some wonderful memories of the children.

## **Year 6 Swimming**

I'm excited to share that our Year 6 children will be starting their swimming sessions next week! Our fantastic on-site swimming pool will be up and running from **Monday 8th September** through to **Friday 26th September** - that's three wonderful weeks of learning ahead.

Please ensure your child comes prepared each day with their swimming costume or trunks, a towel, and goggles if they need them. Having everything ready will help make the most of these valuable sessions and ensure every child can participate fully in this brilliant opportunity right here on our school grounds.

#### Year 6 went to Dixons Newall Green

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Year 6 were invited to see the brand new building at Dixons Newall Green High School. The children had a wonderful morning taking part in art, drama and PE activities and got to see the brand new theatre and sports hall.

## St Paul's Open Evening

Saint Paul's Open Evening is taking place on **Thursday 11th September** from 3:30pm until 6:00pm. Please complete the form below to indicate if you will be attending.

https://forms.office.com/e/jz3z7bMdgh

# **Acorn RP**

The children in the Acorn RP have had a great first week back in school! Here they are on their first day enjoying exploring their new classroom and outdoor environment. It has been lovely to welcome them all back and we are settling into our learning and routines.



#### **Acorn Stay & Play**

All Acorn RP parents/carers are welcome to join us for a 'Stay and Play' on **Tuesday 23rd September** at 9-9.30am. You will have the opportunity to look round our new classroom, play with your child and speak to the staff.

### Mr Wilson's Class Stay and Play

The parents/carers of Mr Wilson's Class are welcome to join us for a 'Stay and Play' on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at 9-10.00am. You will have the opportunity to look round our new classroom, play with your child and speak to the staff.

### **SEN Unit Building Works**

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your patience and understanding during our recent building works. I know the various class moves and disruptions haven't been easy, but your support has meant the world to us.

I'm delighted to share that our SEN Unit interior is now almost complete! The builders have worked incredibly hard throughout the summer holidays to bring this exciting project to completion. While the outdoor area is still in progress, we're making excellent headway.

As with any construction project, some elements have been beyond our control, causing slight delays to our original timeline. However, I'm confident the finished result will be worth the wait and will provide an outstanding learning environment for our children.

Thank you once again for your continued patience.

#### **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance target this year is 95%. This week our attendance is 92.9%. Attendance newsletters will be coming out soon so please read through these carefully as it provides lots of important information regarding your child's attendance.

A huge congratulations to the following classes for a fantastic start to the year:

1TB - 100%

3JE - 98.3%

5JH - 100%

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Rudd Executive Headteacher

