



Headteacher:
Mr Wheeler

*“Shine like stars in the sky as you hold on to the word of life”
(Philippians 2:15)*

Friday 17th
September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting start to the new year! The staff here have all been so impressed by the way the children have settled back in: adjusting to new routines, a new headteacher, new reward schemes and getting back to some of the old routines like whole school assemblies. It's been a fast-paced start but there's no time to waste if we are going to help your children to shine like stars.

I like to take this opportunity to offer my gratitude for welcoming me into the community. It has been great to see all of your smiles at the gate and start matching the children's friendly faces to yours, and I look forward to those relationships growing over time.

I also welcome you to read and complete the home-school agreement for this year with your child (attached).

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Wheeler

Dojo Update

The children's enthusiasm for Class Dojo and the learning behaviours linked to it has been phenomenal. I have thoroughly enjoyed the discussions I have had with the children, as well as giving lots out too!

It is so important that they become aware of what it means to become a good learner. That's what creates life-long impact. Please keep encouraging them and celebrating their successes with them.

Over 1000 earned already!!!



Uniform

We are currently running down our school-based stock ahead of Bartlett's of Wimborne taking over with regards to uniform purchasing in the near future.

In cases of a burning need for uniform, supermarket equivalents are welcome. As nice as it is to see the school logo on their chests, please do not worry if the children urgently need new gear. White polos, plain white PE tops and plain red jumpers/cardigans are perfectly acceptable.

Forest Schools / Clubs

New week signals the start of Forest School sessions and clubs which is really exciting. On club nights the children will have the chance to have a snack and some downtime before the clubs start at 3:30pm, so please do pack extra.

I'm delighted that Forest Schools will get underway next week. Please ensure consent forms have been completed before the sessions begin and the children bring in an appropriate change of clothing (Tuesday: Owls and Stags ; Thursday Owls).

Home Learning

Our intention was to be sharing a full plan for home learning at this point but I am sorry to say that we are currently experiencing difficulties with some of the online platforms that we use. More information will come on this in due course. That said, **we do not want to wait on the children accessing reading books from the school so look out for information on ClassDojo** about how the system will run for your child's class.

Message from the Academy Committee

Well, it's been a lovely, sunny two weeks back at Pamphill and it's wonderful to see so many smiling little faces again!

I am delighted to welcome Mr Wheeler into his new role as Headteacher. I'm sure we all appreciate the positive impact he has already had and are all very excited for the future of the school under his leadership.

A very warm welcome also to our new Reception group. Hopefully everyone is settling in well and the children are enjoying their first experience of school-life.

Pamphill First is very fortunate to have a warm, friendly and thriving community of staff, parents and children. There are lots of different ways to become involved in school-life and contribute to different projects so please get in touch if you would like to become a part of something. Everyone's support and contribution, however large or small, is valued and appreciated.

Finally, a huge thank you to the wonderful team of staff at Pamphill, who have all welcomed the children back so warmly and positively.

Wishing all our Pamphill families a happy and healthy Autumn term.

Zoe King

Chair

(on behalf the Academy Committee)

Other Key Information

- Please note the letter sent out regarding children coming to school in their PE kits on PE days to maximise learning time. (Monday: Whole School - Wednesday: Stags – Thursday: Foxes) We appreciate that in colder weather the children would need extra layers, many already use plain navy tracksuit bottoms / jackets as part of their PE kits and it is perfectly acceptable for children to come in wearing them on PE days. I would just suggest they have shorts on underneath for when we are indoors for PE.
- It is really important to our school that we can get outside, rain or shine, so please do ensure that your children always bring a coat to school. This is England after all!