

# Ickniel Walk First School



## NEWSLETTER - Summer 8 – 2017

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### Coming up:

Thursday 15th	Recorder Clubs Dove class swimming starts Football Feet club
Friday 16th	2.15pm - New Nursery Parents meeting in the school hall. Dove class library session Eagle class swimming Funky Feet club
Monday 19th	Brass & Piano lessons Lark library session High 5s club
Tuesday 20th	Finch & Falcon library sessions 2.15pm - New Reception Parents meeting in the school hall.
Wednesday 21st	Owl class library session Gym club Guitar lessons
Thursday 22nd	Dove class swimming Some Year 4s Guitar lessons Clarinet/Flute/Saxophone lessons
Friday 23rd	Violin lessons Swift class library session Eagle class swimming 2.15pm - Year 1 Seaside event - parents invited.

#### Letters home:

- Years 2 & 3 - Autumn term music lessons

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits and have not yet registered for Free School Meals, or wish to check your eligibility please register online at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals). Even if your child currently receives universal free meals in Reception to Year 2 you should still complete the application as other education benefits will be automatically registered.

### Changes of Staff from September 2017

We will be having some staff changes next year. Both Ms Turrell and Mrs Jones will be retiring at the end of the summer term, as will one of our long standing supply teachers Mrs Fox. We will miss them all very much and thank them for all their years of dedication and hard work for our school and our children.

Ms Turrell will be replaced as Foundation Stage leader by Miss Pinner, who I am sure will be very successful in ensuring our Foundation Stage continues to provide Outstanding experiences for your children.

Mrs Jones will hand the running of breakfast club over to Mrs Frances Reeder, who is currently one of our Midday Supervisors and so already knows your children well.

We will also be saying good bye to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Nakum and we thank them for their dedication to the children in their classes and wish them all the best in the future.

You will see from the attached list that some of the staff are moving year groups and we will be welcoming 3 new teachers to our school: Miss Futter, Miss Morris-Pond and Miss Robinson, all these teachers came for very successful and impressive interviews and observed lessons and I am sure they will settle into our school very well. You will also see from the list that Mrs Harward is no longer the Year 4 TA. This is because Mrs Harward is changing her role next year in school, as she will be doing less class based work and working more closely with individual children and families who require support for behaviour or emotional needs. We are very lucky that Mrs Harward has agreed to take on this role, of Well Being Mentor, as anyone who has worked with her in the past will know that she is highly skilled in this area.

## CLASS TEACHERS - SEPTEMBER 2017

For children joining Nursery and Reception classes in September, there will be class lists in their packs being handed out at the meeting for new parents.

Class lists for the Year 1 classes in September will be sent out shortly.

The children presently in Reception to Year 3 will meet their new teachers on the morning of Thursday 13th July, which is transition day for our present year 4 pupils who will spend the day at their next schools. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers on the evening of 10th July. Pop in anytime between 3.30-5pm. Your child's current and future staff will have opportunities to meet together to discuss the children and their learning needs to prepare ready for your child from September.

Existing Class	New Class	Teacher(s)	TA(s)
	Cygnets	Mrs Smith	TBC
	Duckling	Miss Firth	TBC
Nursery	Wren	Miss Pinner	Mrs Woollison, Miss Hills
Nursery	Finch	Mrs Williams/ Mrs MacLeod	Mrs Ingrey, Mrs Harradine
Finch/Wren	Owl	Miss Futter	Mrs Monksfield
Finch/Wren	Robin	Miss Robinson	Mrs Whittaker/ Mrs Biddlecombe
Robin	Swan	Miss Marshall	Mrs King
Owl	Lark	Miss Morris-Pond	Mrs Huttleston
Lark	Dove	Mrs Dallen	TBC
Swan	Swift	Miss Woodall	Mrs Gruskin
Swift	Falcon	Mrs Stubbs	Mrs Hannigan/Mrs Parcell
Dove	Eagle	Mr Taylor	Mrs Toovey

### Transition Day - Year 4s

On Thursday 13th July all year 4 children will spend the day at their chosen middle school.

Please remember they are to go directly to their new school and not come here first!

## Years 1 to 4 Sports Day

Sports day starts at 9.30am on Wednesday 28th June and will finish at approximately 10.45am. (Reserve sports day Friday 30th June at 9.30am). Parents are invited to watch.

Please ensure children have their full PE kit in school, including plimsolls or trainers (with socks). Could the children also have a named plastic water bottle and hat as it may be hot. Please apply plenty of sun cream to your child in the morning before coming to school.

## Foundation Stage Sports Day

This will be taking place at 9.30am on Wednesday 5th July. All parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to come and watch.

Please can children come in their PE kit (which they can stay in all day), with sun screen already applied. Please make sure your child has a hat and water bottle too.

Nursery children will start on the track and Reception on the agility skills.

## **Sports Day - Photographs/Videos and School Blogs**

If you are coming to either of the Sports days, please can we remind you of our safe photography/filming policy. You are welcome to take photos/videos of your child but we request that any photo that might include another child by mistake **is not shared** on social media.

Any photos the school take will be put on to the blogs and I would like to reassure you that any children that are not permitted to have their photos on the internet will not be put on our blogs.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.  
Mrs Sherwood

## **Change of Pick-up Person**

Please remember to inform the school, if your child will be collected by a different person (ie for a play date). Please ensure that it is yourself not your child that informs their class teacher to save any confusion. If you are unable to inform the school in person, you may inform us by phone or email.

Many thanks.

## **Sun Protection**

Hopefully the weather is starting to improve so we feel it is time to remind you about our procedures for sun and heat safety.

Everyone will need a water bottle in school - **every day**

1. All children will need a **named hat** to wear when out in the sunshine (these can be purchased from the school office).
2. Children will need their own named sunscreen to leave in school and given to the class teacher. We would prefer a sun stick or wipes as these are easier for the children to handle.
3. Please practice with your child to help them apply their own sunscreen as the staff are not allowed to rub in sun screens and children are not allowed to rub them on each other. **Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to school.**
4. We do not encourage the use of sunglasses, however if you wish for your child to wear them at playtime, please make sure they are named.
5. Year 3 & 4 children need to bring their sun screen with them to swimming so they can apply some before the walk back to school afterwards.

Thank you.

## Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a full time KS2 (year 3) teaching assistant to work in our friendly and supportive school.

All applicants must at least have GCSEs equal to or higher than level C in English and Maths.

We require someone who is:

- Friendly and approachable
- Enthusiastic and a good team member
- Keen to support learning and to learn more themselves

Experience of working with children would be beneficial.

The hours are 8.45am till 3.15pm Monday to Friday, including half an hour playtime lunch duty. You will get a 40 minute lunch break. There is also the possibility of some breakfast club hours starting at 8.00am.

This post is for one year initially with the possibility of this position becoming permanent.

We encourage you to come and visit the school and discuss the job further.

Please ask the school office for an application form or apply on line at Teach in Herts.

Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 5.00pm.

Icknield Walk First School is committed to safeguarding children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This job will be subject to a DBS check and staff members will regularly undergo child protection training.

### **Please note the following message from Public Health England:**

In recent weeks across the country there has been a significant increase in reported cases of mumps among adolescents and young adults. Mumps is a viral illness that is spread by coughs and sneezes or close contact with someone who already has the infection. Older children, teenagers and young adults who have never previously had MMR vaccine or have only had one dose of it, should contact their GP surgery to arrange to catch up with outstanding doses. Those who have already had one dose of MMR vaccine as a young child will only need one further dose, no matter how long ago a first dose was given. It is never too late to have the vaccine if you haven't had two doses. If you would like more information about MMR please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx)

For free copies of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella booklet, visit: [www.orderline.dh.gov.uk](http://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk)

### **PTA Summer Raffle Tickets**

These are being sent out this week; please support us if you can! More tickets are available if you need them via the form attached to your tickets.

### **PTA Treasurer**

At the end of term our current treasurer is stepping down and we need someone to take over in order to carry on as a PTA. The role involves banking money, issuing cheques and providing floats for events.

Please consider if you could commit to giving a bit of your time to support our school.

Equally, if you don't think you could commit to a specific role but are happy to volunteer at events as a PTA member please get in touch. No offer of help refused!

Contact us either by dropping us a note through the school office or messaging us through the Facebook page.

**New school website from the afternoon of Monday 19th June.**