



Our children leave Snitterfield curious, inspired, with a sense of their own self-worth and contribute positively to society.

Welcome back!

Dear families,

I do hope you enjoyed the summer holidays, whether home or away or a combination of both!

I thought I'd send a quick welcome back newsletter to get the year rolling....

I'd like to extend a big welcome to Snitterfield Nursery and all the staff, children and adults connected with it! As of today, the nursery has become part of school. The nursery will function very much as it currently does but rather than being run by volunteer trustees, it will be run by school as a Governor-led nursery unit. This will, we hope, safeguard the future of the nursery, support the staff there and form ever closer links with the families and the children who attend. The school and nursery are financially independent of each other and run as separate entities in that regard. We will share policies, procedures and common goals, bringing the two settings into close working relationships and alignment – exciting times for all.

INSET - The staff were all in school today getting ready for the new academic year. Specifically, we were discussing the school improvement plan (SIP); in particular detail the effectiveness of our current assessment and feedback policies in relation to moving the children's learning forward. Over the course of the year, we will be looking at this further, tweaking our marking, feedback and assessment policies and procedures to ensure that all the children make good progress from their starting points. I will share our findings and processes with you and the children when we are further on the journey.

We also discussed parental communication processes and engagement and I will be sending out a short parental questionnaire to gather information on how well we currently communicate and where it might be possible to improve in the next few days. In terms of engagement we are opening the school up on the evening of Wednesday 17th September for you all to come and meet your child/children's class teacher(s) and find out what the routines and expectations are. As we want as many parents as possible to come, we have had to put timings together for when teachers will present. This has been a logistical challenge and I have been looking at sibling relationships to reduce the amount of time parents will need to wait between presentations as much as possible. Obviously not all of you will have back-to-back timings but FOSS will be in the hall with teas and coffees to chat and welcome you. Please do come and meet the teacher and FOSS members – your ideas are always welcome about how we can raise money for the school to enhance enrichment opportunities for the children here at Snitterfield.

Each class teacher will prepare some information and share this – it won't take longer than 20 minutes maximum and the timings for the sessions are as follows (please note this is in time order and not class order!):

Class 4: 5.30-5.50; Class 2: 5.50-6.10; Class 1: 6.10-6.30 and Class 3: 6.30-6.50

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school tomorrow, just a couple of reminders:

- Please, as always, make sure ALL uniform is clearly named – named uniform finds its way home, unnamed uniform does not.
- KS2 children will have a PE session with SDH so should arrive in school in their PE kit
- KS2 children will be bringing their own pencil cases
- ALL children should bring in a refillable water bottle
- ALL children will need a NAMED pair of wellies in school so once the weather turns wetter so we can use the field all year
- Forest School sessions will start for Y2 on Wednesday 17th September
- Swimming sessions for KS2 start Wednesday 17th September too
- The lunch menu is the same as last term and we are on week 3

With very best wishes for the new academic year where we work together to support the children,

Mrs Silk