

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back and a special mention to our Robin's class and our new families. Thank you for choosing Mrs Ethelston's Primary.

It has definitely not been an easy start to the academic year and whilst it is wonderful to see all the children and families, it has been a very challenging time for all of us as we navigate the difficulties of the building concerns. Woodhaven was checked at the beginning of the holiday and the report was clear that direct action would not be needed for a few years, but unfortunately a second monitoring visit at the end of the holidays raised concerns that needed to be acted on immediately. As I am sure you will all appreciate, the safety of everyone will always be our priority. We remain hopeful that the work will be completed as quickly as possible and the full school will be reunited. I will keep everyone up to date as we know more. Thank you for all the offers of support we have had, and the care you have shown, these have been passed to the business team and staff.

Our Core Value for this half term is Friendship and the children have already been thinking about what this looks like at school and how we can share this value with each other. Over these first two days back, we have also been thinking about our vision: Deep Christian Roots, Nurturing Strong Growth, Flourishing Children and how we will work on all three parts over the coming year.

On Tuesday 16th September at 3:30, we would like to welcome you to school for our Meet the Teacher event. This is an informal chance to pop in and see your child's class teacher, find out some specific class information and ask any questions that you may have. We will share more information about this next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Allington

**Thank you!**

Many thanks to Vicky and Graham White for weather-proofing our decking area. This is such a valuable space to us as a school and it is great we can use it safely in all weather.

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**Whole School Attendance This Week**

**98.8%**

**A Few Notes:**

**Lunches:**

The deadline for booking lunches has been updated and the cut off is now Saturday evening at midnight. Please ensure all meals are booked.

**Breakfast and After School Club:**

The booking times have changed, you can now book breakfast club up until midnight the night before. After School Club can now be booked up until midday of the day needed to be booked. It is best to book in advance as much as possible to ensure there is space but any last minute bookings can now be made directly on ParentPay. Except in an emergency we are no longer able to book in the school office,.

**Clubs:**

The new club list will be coming out early next week. In the meantime the school wraparound care is available to book if needed.

**Thought for the week**

