

## Welcome Back

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope that you have all had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your families over the Christmas holidays and the children are excited about returning to school and starting their new learning journeys.

We sent out information relating to the new term before the children broke up for the Christmas break. However, I have provided some key reminders below, which you may find useful:

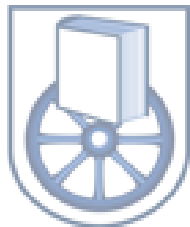
### PE timetable & Swimming Timetable

The timetable below outlines this half term's PE and swimming sessions:

**\*Please note that aspects of the Year 5 timetable have changed since it was last published.**

**\*Swimming & PE will start from tomorrow (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January)**

Year Group	Class	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE	Swimming
Reception	Gala	-	Tuesday	-
	Bramley	-		
	Pippin	-		
Year 1	Peach	Friday	Monday	-
	Pear			
Year 2	Cherry	Tuesday	-	Thursday
	Quince			
Year 3	Hazel	Wednesday	Thursday	-
	Walnut	Wednesday		
	Almond	Monday		
Year 4	Spruce	-	Thursday	Friday
	Pine			
Year 5	Mahogany	Thursday	Friday	-
	Cedar	Thursday	Friday	
	Teak	Friday	Wednesday	
Year 6	Oak	-	Friday	Wednesday
	Ash			Tuesday



## Queries & Concerns

If you have a query or concern regarding your child, please follow these steps:

1. Arrange a convenient time to talk to **the class teacher**.
2. If the concern is not resolved, please arrange a convenient time to talk to the **Leader of Learning** (outlined below):

Year Group	Leader of Learning
Reception	Mrs Brookman
Year 1	Mrs Kenney
Year 2	Mrs Elliott
Year 3	Mrs Wright
Year 4	Mrs Allen
Year 5	Mrs Kane
Year 6	Mrs Holt

3. If the concern or query is still not resolved, please arrange a convenient time to talk to a member of Senior Leadership Team (see below).

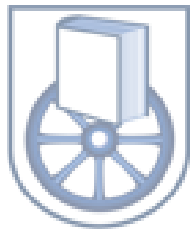
Query or Concern	Senior Leader
Relating to a child in EYFS & KS1 (Infants)	Miss Aikenhead (Deputy Headteacher)
Relating to a child in KS2 (Juniors)	Mr Tweddle (Assistant Headteacher)
Relating to Special Educational Needs	Mrs Loveland (Inclusion Lead)

## Attendance and Punctuality

Please be reminded that the Department of Education dictates **attendance below 95% is poor and that below 90% is 'persistent absenteeism'**. The reason for this is clear; good attendance is vital for the success of pupils and their wellbeing. Our own school data, as well as that issued nationally, makes clear that **poor attendance results in poorer outcomes for children**. Every day counts!

Please note that **persistent lateness is also detrimental to children's achievement and progress**.

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, parents/ carers need to notify the school office via phone: **01634 240061** or email: **[absence@st-katherines.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@st-katherines.kent.sch.uk)**



## Uniform Reminders

Our school uniform is extremely important to us. Our children look smart in their uniform, which reflects the tone and ethos of our school. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of life.

I noticed that towards the end of term some children were not wearing the correct school uniform, particularly in relation to **school ties**, **school shoes** and **plain silver or gold stud earrings**. I kindly ask that parents ensure that children come to school dressed in the correct school uniform.

- Please note that children will be asked to remove any earrings that are not plain silver or gold studs.
- If a child does not wear their school shoes into school, they must have a note from their parents/ carers explaining why.
- Letters will be sent to parents whose children do not wear the correct uniform into school.
- Parents of individuals who persistently do not wear the correct uniform into school, will be invited to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the reasons behind this.

**If you have any difficulties in purchasing school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence to discuss how we can best support you.**



We are very much looking forward to seeing the children return to school tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Mr Lang  
Headteacher