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***'Being and doing our very best'***

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Welcome back - we hope that the first week of the new academic year has been a successful one for your child/ren and yourselves. From our perspective, the return to school has been one of the smoothest I can recall. Despite the building works, children have arrived at school looking and feeling purposeful about the day ahead. I maintain that school buildings are much better places with the hubbub and laughter of the children in situ and so it has proved. This week we have been focussing on developing the routines and habits that will allow us all to work, learn and play together in a safe and happy environment. We have been focusing in particular on the way we move around school in a calm and quiet manner and the children have responded brilliantly to this.

We have welcomed new children into our school in both Pine Class and our two Reception classes. It is noted how independent the children have been at entering school; so well done to you, the parents, for letting them go! I remember the moment well myself and it can be quite an emotional time.

I wanted this newsletter to give you an update with the building works and why they are taking place. We are delighted that the building work to provide a Specialist Resource Base upstairs at Ashley House (the Nursery building) is finally underway. A Specialist Resource Base is an education unit attached to the school for children with specific educational needs. We will be providing education for twelve children who are autistic and have speech and language challenges as their primary need. Some of these spaces will be taken up by children in our mainstream school, other spaces will be taken up by those in the local community. The specialist provision will enhance the whole school education for all children in our school with SEN and we will have access to bespoke specialist resources and training.

The building work is expected to continue up to the October half term but as many of you will have experienced yourselves, we anticipate this may run over, hopefully not by too much! As well as the refurbishment upstairs at Ashley House we will get new space for our after school care, we get a new music room downstairs, new heating systems, a repaired leaking roof, and additional safeguarding measures across the school including the raised fences that many of you will have seen along the boundary edges. After two years of consultation and planning I am excited about how the resource base will further improve our school and I want to thank the Governors in particular for their due diligence in making sure that the Resource Base adds value to the education we provide.

We welcome a **number of new staff** to our team this year. Mrs Amanada Johnson will be teaching in Cypress class (Year 4) and Miss Amy Smith will be teaching Beech (Year 5). We also have a number of Learning Support Assistants, James Tonge and Molly Shivers in Reception classes, Nadia Saidani and Athene Grace in year 2. We also have two new PE coaches from Novus, our Sports provider, Jade and Nick. We welcome them all to Sefton Park and I am sure you will meet them all in due course.

**Year group information meetings for parents** take place next week. These short sessions for children and parents will introduce you to the adults working within your child's year group, information about homework, topics, PE, routines, trips and experiences for the coming term and year. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

	Year group		Year group
<b>Tuesday 10th September: 9-9.30am</b>	Year 4 - Junior Hall	<b>Tuesday 10th September: 3-3.30pm</b>	Year 6 - Junior Hall
<b>Wednesday 11th September 9-9.30am</b>	Year 2 - Infant Hall	<b>Wednesday 11th September 3-3.30pm</b>	Year 5 - Junior Hall
<b>Thursday 12th September 9-9.30am</b>	Year 1 - infant Hall	<b>Thursday 12th September: 3-3.30pm</b>	Year 3 - Infant Hall

We wanted to thank you for adhering to our pledge of being a smartphone free site. The very small number of children who have smartphones have been really sensible with their use and to allow them to succeed, we wish to role model those positive behaviours.



Please can we also remind all parents and carers that we are a **NO NUT school** so please ensure your child/ren do not bring any snacks or packed lunch and after school club items that contain nuts. This includes peanut butter, nutella/any nutella snacks and many different cereal bars. We thank you in anticipation of your help to protect our children who have allergies.

**Can you help? We are looking for two people to work on Friday lunchtimes to support our lunchtime provision. This will be from 11.45 to 1.15pm If you are interested please contact the school office at [seftonpark@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:seftonpark@bristol-schools.uk)**

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Dan Simson and the Team at Sefton Park

## Do Not Park or Stop on the Yellow ZigZags on St Bartholomews Road

Yellow zigzags show areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road. Stopping on the Yellow Zig Zags (even just for a couple of minutes) endangers your children's lives. School is busy - allow yourself plenty of time to find somewhere safe to park. Do not be responsible for endangering someone's health by driving too close to school.



## After School / Breakfast Clubs

All after school activities can be found on the website. There are lots of clubs to choose from and Premier also offers After School and Breakfast Clubs.

<https://www.seftonparkschools.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-and-activities/>

Please contact the club provider directly and remember to let them know if there is a change to collection arrangements. If you can also let the School Office know this helps us ensure the safety of children at the end of the day.