



Franklin Times

8th September 2017

Dear Parents

Wonderful to welcome everyone back yesterday: a sea of smiling faces; an especially warm welcome to our new pupils and staff.

We start this year with much to be excited about, including a revamped curriculum which ensures our children have a knowledge and experience rich learning journey through Franklin with weekly music, art, Spanish, outdoor learning and PE lessons, all led by specialists; our new science lab, Bear's Lab, will open next month.

Today the club offer has been sent out, please sign up to avoid disappointment, clubs will commence the week beginning the 25th September; Reception clubs do not commence until after Christmas to allow them time to settle in.

Our uniform is very important to us here at Franklin, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, this includes plain black shoes, hair tied back with discreet purple, grey or white accessories, and a full PE kit on PE days, with non-logoed grey jogging pants, purple sweatshirt and Franklin's polo shirt; thank you for your support in this.

Being in school on time everyday makes all the difference to your child's well-being and education; our highest achievers at Franklin are also our highest attenders, it is not a coincidence. We met our 96% target in 2016-17, but only just, because in the last week of term a significant number of children did not attend, please ensure holidays are not booked in term time, I know costs are punitive, I also have to pay them...

With regard to collection at the end of the day, please endeavour to be on time, if you are held up please inform us as soon as possible, collections after 3.45pm will incur a fee of £5, and after 4.15pm, £10, as we will place your child in Let Me Play, our after school provision.

As a school we recognise the importance of working with our families to ensure the best possible experience for all our children, thus we man the playgrounds morning and evening to ensure open communication, and our email addresses are readily available on our website, however, I ask that you restrict emails to the term time week day hours of 7.00am to 6.00pm, emails outside this time will not be responded to; again, thank you for your support in this.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards

Janine Ryan

Headteacher

Headteacher's thought for the week

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

Key dates for your diary

Wednesday 4 th & Thursday 5 th October	Meet the teacher evenings for Reception to Year 6 from 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 19 th October	Community hedge planting day logistics to follow...
Friday 20 th October	Half term holiday begins
Friday 8 th December	Staff training day Franklin closed
Thursday 14 th December	Winter Fayre from 3.00-6.00pm
Friday 15 th December	Nursery, Reception & Y1/2 Christmas performances
Monday 18 th December	Y3/4/5/6 Christmas performances
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day: Christmas holidays from 2.00pm