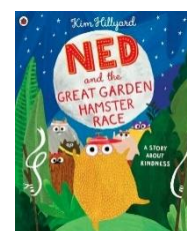


Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very positive start to the term. The children in Key Stage One have returned to school happy and eager to learn. Our Pre-school children have also started this week and I have been really impressed with how settled they are. Our Reception team have enjoyed carrying out home visits this week and meeting children in their homes and finding out more about them.

Thank you for working with us on punctuality this week. We have noticed that the majority of children have been here before the bell rings and we have been able to close the gates promptly. This has had an impact on the start of the day already and I hope this continues. We will continue to close the playground gates at 8:55am. After this time children will need to be signed in at the main reception.



In assembly this week, we read the story 'Ned and the Great Garden Hamster Race.' We talked about our school values and how it is important to treat each other with kindness. We also revisited our assembly rules and we were very impressed with how sensibly the children walked into assembly.

Reading

Reading will continue to be a focus for us this year. Children in Pre-school and Reception will begin with bringing home a book from school to share with their family. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are currently being heard read individually and all children will receive two reading books to take home on Friday 8TH September. Children will change their books once a week.

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| Pre-school | Mondays |
| Year 1 | Tuesdays |
| Reception | Wednesdays |
| Year 2 | Fridays |

We will aim to hear children read individually at least once a fortnight, please can we ask that children bring their reading books and reading records to school each day.

Reminders

- Please can children not ride bikes or scooters on the playground in the morning or at the end of the day. This includes younger siblings.
- Please can we ask that children do not bring valuables in from home this includes toys, jewellery and watches. Children can become upset if these items are lost or broken.

Dates for your diary

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| Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th September | Reception children attend school for a morning or afternoon session. |
| Thursday 7 th September | Reception children's first full day at school. |
| Friday 8 th September | Year 1 and Year 2 – Reading open sessions begin. Every Friday at 8:50 |
| Thursday 21 st September | Individual School Photos |
| Friday 29 th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning – Meet our Senior Leadership team. More information coming soon |
| Tuesday 3 rd October | Routes to Resilience Open Session – More information coming soon |
| Tuesday 10 th October | Parents' Evening – More information coming soon |
| Thursday 12 th October | Parents' Evening – More information coming soon |
| Friday 13 th October | School closes for half term. |

We are really looking forward to our Reception children starting next week and hope they have a great start to school life on Tuesday.

Take care,

Mrs Holmes