



*Welcome back*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This is an exciting time for me as I have the pleasure of writing my first Messing Primary newsletter! It has been great to meet lots of you in the playground this week and I have been made to feel so welcome, so thank you. Please bear with me while I get into the swing of learning names.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer, with lots of time to enjoy the beautiful sunshine we were graced with. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week and a pleasure to watch them all playing and interacting together. A very special welcome to all of our Reception children and their families. We are excited to welcome you into our community.

It has already been a busy first week and we have resumed our usual whole school routines with assembly and break times together. We have also adjusted the lunch time, so we now have two sittings, one for Reception and Key Stage 1 and the second for Key Stage 2 rather than it being staggered. This is from 12:00-1:00pm and should allow more time for children to eat and (most importantly) play together outside.

Next week we hope to reintroduce our playground ambassadors, establish a lunch buddy system and begin thinking about the new school council, encouraging children to take an active lead within the school community and develop a sense of responsibility.

Over the summer a small team of staff from New Hall have been supporting with maintenance including painting the railings outside, gardening, clearing the guttering and much more. Our thanks go to New Hall for their continued support in maintaining our beautiful school site. Another big thank you must go out to all of the staff at Messing, who have been undertaking training, including Safeguarding, as well as preparing the classrooms and resources for the children.

We are all looking forward to a term full of engaging, challenging and fun learning and will continue to find ways of sharing this with you.

Very best wishes,  
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

*Smiley Club*

A reminder about our before and after school club which is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Mrs Hart has created a jam-packed schedule for the children including cooking, crafts and much more! Please speak to Mrs Gooday if you are interested in your child joining.

*Meet the teacher*

CALLING ALL PARENTS... You are invited into school to meet your child's teacher the week beginning 19th September. This will be an opportunity for you to see the timetable, learn more about the curriculum, have a look in the classroom and ask the teachers any questions you may have. Children will be supervised by staff during the parent talk.

**Time: 3:30-3:50**

**Robins:** Monday 19th Sept | **Kingfishers:** Tuesday 20th Sept

**Owls:** Wednesday 21st Sept

*Pick up and drop off*

Thank you for your support this week with the updated arrangements.

A reminder that you may drop your child off between **8:35-8:45am**. After this time, children will need to be walked through the front gate and into the school reception to see Mrs Gooday.

After school, we welcome you into the playground from 3:10-3:25pm.

Please ensure that children are supervised by you at all times and remember that **children should not be playing on any equipment after school.**

*Curriculum*

We are pleased that the strong partnership with New Hall will be continuing with PE and Swimming starting from next week. **Owls** will begin swimming **on Friday**. There is some change to the swimming offer and this will now be for Owls and Kingfishers only due to changes at New Hall. However, we will try to arrange some swimming taster sessions for Robins and Wrens in the summer term.

In an exciting update, New Hall will also be supporting with Spanish teaching in Key Stage 2 with a language assistant coming to Messing each week.

*Clubs*

This term we will be offering a range of cross-curricular clubs for the children at lunch time. We will be launching these in assembly next week for children to sign up to. In addition, we welcome back Premier Sports who are offering a range of clubs from Reception up to Year 6.

*Lunch*

As you should have already seen in communication from Mrs Gooday, school lunches have increased to **£2.40**. Monday's menu will be **week 1**.

*Queen Elizabeth*

It is with great sadness that Buckingham Palace announced yesterday the death of Her Majesty The Queen. We will be holding a special assembly, pay tribute and support children at this time.

*Key dates*

PTFA AGM- 30th September 2pm  
Meet the teacher- w/b 19th  
September 3:30