



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been wonderful welcoming children back into school and hearing about different adventures over the summer holidays. We hope that you enjoyed having time to spend together, despite the rather wet and wild weather in August. Having come to the end of our first full week, the children are most definitely settled into their school routines, and most are feeling rather exhausted! Last week two children proudly picked tomatoes, cucumbers and courgettes from our vegetable patch which Mrs Owens used as part of school lunch. We were happy for the rain over the holidays to keep our gardens looking so healthy! Over the summer we also had our lights across the school replaced for soft-white Eco LED lighting that we hope will support us with lowering our energy usage.

Children in Owl class attended their first swimming lesson at New Hall School today, and we are grateful for their ongoing support of children at Messing to offer swimming provision. Owls will swim up until Christmas, and in January Kingfisher class will have their turn. I know the new Year 3s are already very excited for this. Hockey is the focus for PE lessons from the New Hall coaches and these began yesterday. We have also welcomed Miss Downer into school for Key Stage 2 Spanish lessons. Again, we are very fortunate that New Hall School continue to support us with the teaching of Spanish.

It has already been communicated that we have switched providers for before and after schools sports clubs from Premier to RAD Sports. Children are excited about clubs starting next week and all communications around clubs will now come directly from the school office. Please speak to Ms Gooday if you have any questions.

Very best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

Welcome to Wrens & New Families

A very warm welcome to all children and families joining in Wrens, our Reception class. We are incredibly proud of how the children have settled, staying for their first lunch and full days this week. We appreciate this is a huge step as children begin their school journey and we are privileged that you have chosen us. Hopefully you are hearing all about life at Messing School from your child, but please remember that you are always able to speak to the teachers at pick-up if you have any questions.

Welcome also to the new families who join us in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. Again, we are so happy to welcome you into our community and we hope both you and your children will feel happy and safe.

Car Parking

A reminder that the 'drop off' lane is for parents dropping off only, rather than getting children out of the car and walking towards the gate. Miss Andrews is on hand to help children for a safe and speedy exit.

If you know that you need to speak to an adult in the morning, please park up. This is so that we can keep the 'drop off' as a prompt way for parents to get their children into school on time.

Thank you for your support with keeping our car park safe for our community.

Message from the Governors

The governors would like to welcome everyone back to school after the summer holiday, and extend a warm welcome to all our new families and children. We met on the evening of 12th September to discuss the end of last academic year and to plan for the year ahead.

We were delighted to welcome our two new parent governors - Rebecca Gillanders and Amelie McCrae, and we elected Pip Parmenter as Chair of Governors. We still have several vacancies for community governors that we are trying to fill, so if you know of anyone who you think may be interested in this, please do put them in touch with the school office.

Over the course of the meeting we received an update from Ms Brown on pupil progress from the summer term. We discussed updates in national safeguarding policy and reviewed the child protection policy. We have set an attendance target of 96.5% for this year. Now that the impact of covid on attendance feels like a thing of the past we are hoping to achieve this and would love to see the children in school every day unless they really are not well enough.

We look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the next year. You can contact the governors through the school office if you would like to speak to us about any queries or concerns you may have.

Pip Parmenter.





School Clubs

The teachers are very excited to begin extra-curricular activities starting on Monday. With clubs on offer for children from Reception through to Year 6, we have a great number of children signed up. Most popular, as always, is the Key Stage 2 Choir, who have already begun the preparations for their performance as part of Young Voices at the O2 Arena in January.

Teacher led clubs are as follows:

- Monday lunchtime: KS2 Handbells
- Tuesday lunchtime: EY/ KS1 Construction
- Tuesday after school: Yr 4-6 Netball
- Wednesday lunchtime: KS2 Choir
- Thursday lunchtime: Starbooks for everyone
- Friday lunchtime: EY/ KS1 Dance & Movement

Agents of Change

We are very excited to announce that for the first time, children at Messing will be 'Agents of Change'. Inspired by the children at St. Lawrence Primary School, Agents of Change is a project about helping our community and the world through **activism** and **change**.

This project is fantastic because it is accessible to all and demonstrates to children how they can have their **voice heard** and be a **changemaker**, making positive contributions to society.

Having just launched this during assembly, children will be rewarded through termly assemblies to share their projects.

All families will have a poster to keep at home to inspire different projects that can be worked towards. These will go home on Monday.

If your child has an idea for a school wide project, please encourage them to share this with us.

We are looking forward to seeing how the children **dream big** and **take action!**

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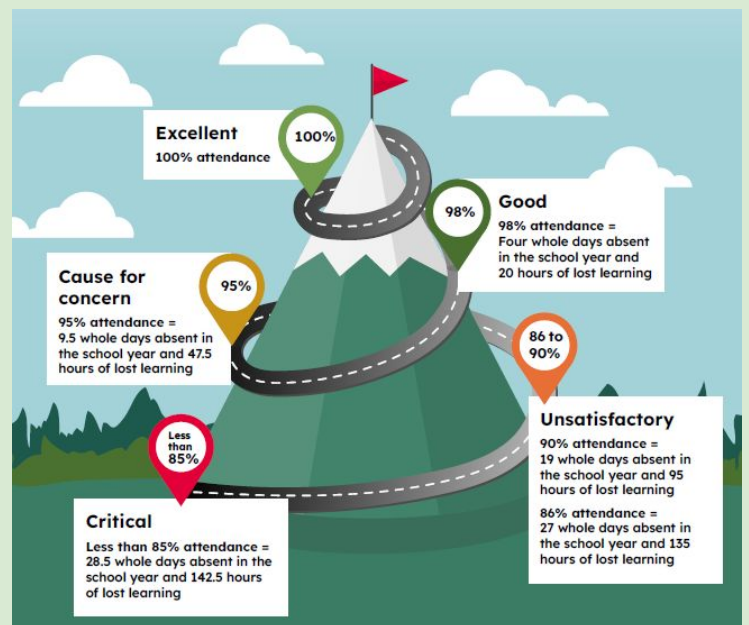
School Attendance

As mentioned in the message from our new Chair of Governors, we are aiming for **96.5%** attendance this year. With a lot of illness last year, we were pleased that our school attendance remained above 90%, **94.8%** in fact. However, we would really like to improve on this in order to support every child to reach their full potential.

Every moment at school really does count! Not only do children develop their academic learning, but time spent with friends and building on social skills stands them in excellent stead for their future.

As improving school attendance is a national focus, the NHS have produced some guidance for parents -

[Linked here: Is my child too ill for school?](#)



Autumn Term Diary Dates

You can find dates for the year ahead on the school planner- [linked here](#).

- Mon 18th Sept- Kingfisher parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm
- Tues 19th Sept- Wren's and Robin's school library time
- Thurs 21st Sept- Robin parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm
- Fri 22nd Sept- Garden open/ Poetry picnic/ Macmillan cakes
- 25th- 29th Sept- Owl class residential trip to Kingswood
- Fri 29th Sept- PTFA AGM
- Fri 6th Oct- EY/ KS1 Phonics Talk
- Fri 13th Oct- Share and Learn/ stay and play 2:40pm
- Mon 16th & Weds 18th Oct- Parent teacher consultations
- Thurs 17th Oct- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church 9:45am
- Fri 20th Oct- Last day of term
- Mon 30th Oct- Non-pupil day
- THurs 2nd Nov- Outdoor classroom day