



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and hear about their adventures over the summer holidays. We hope that you enjoyed having time to spend together in the sunny and warm weather we had in August. Having come to the end of our first week, the children have settled into their school routines and it's been wonderful to see the way they are interacting with each other and their teachers.

We have welcomed two new members of staff this term. Mrs Todman joins us supporting in Kingfisher class and Mrs Allshorn joins the children in Owl class. The children have already been getting to know them both. Mrs Todman and Mrs Allshorn are both parents, and well known to our community.

I must thank Mr Pearce who had a very busy summer holiday helping with some jobs in school. The boys toilets have been re-decorated and are looking exceptionally smart! We hope that the boys are respectful of this new space and continue to look after it. As well as the boys toilets, some staff also worked on revamping the Reception garden, with a relocation of the much loved mud kitchen!

Children in Owl class will attend their first swimming lesson at New Hall School on Friday (13th September), and they will swim up until Christmas. In January, Kingfisher class will have their turn. Hockey is the focus for PE lessons from the New Hall coaches and these began yesterday. Miss Downer continues to support in Key Stage 2 with Spanish lessons. We are very grateful that New Hall School continue to support us with the teaching of Spanish, Swimming and PE.

We are hoping for some volunteers from our parent or wider Messing community who may be able to support in our library, listening to readers, attending trips or with gardening. As a small school, we rely on the good will of many and are always grateful for any time or support that can be offered. If you would be interested in volunteering in any capacity, please do let Ms Gooday know.

Some reminders from the school office. Firstly, for children now in Yr 3, unless they are in receipt of FSM, then the charge for school lunches will be £2.40. You can arrange payment of this with Ms Gooday. Secondly, if your child requires an inhaler or any other medicine in school, please ensure this is handed into the school office in a named container or bag and you have completed any paperwork. Ms Gooday can assist with this.

I hope you are able to have a restful weekend as we look forward to the first full week with the children in school

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Autumn Term Diary Dates

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

Thurs 12th Sept- Reception's first full day

Fri 13th Sept- Owl class swimming at New Hall

Mon 16th Sept- Before/ after school clubs start

Mon 16th Sept- Kingfisher parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm

Tues 17th Sept- Whole school flu vaccination

Weds 18th Sept- Owl parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm

Thurs 19th Sept- Robin parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm

Fri 20th Sept- Owl class swimming and WoOfyT at New Hall

Thurs 26th Sept- European day of languages

Weds 2nd Oct- Maths talk for all parents 3.20pm & 6pm

Fri 4th Oct- Phonics talk for EY & KS1 parents 8.50am

Mon 30th Sept- PTFA AGM 2pm

Fri 11th Oct- 'Stay and Play'/ 'Share and Learn' 2.30pm

Tues 15th & Thurs 17th Oct- Parent teacher consultations

Tues 22nd Oct- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church 9:45am

Fri 25th Oct- Last day of term

Clubs Sign-Ups

All of the clubs for the Autumn term can be viewed on the school [website here](#). Children will sign up to the lunch time clubs themselves.

For before and after school clubs, parents are able to sign their children up on Monday (9th Sept). Sheets will be in the hall before and after school. If you are unable to do this, please ring the school office and Ms Gooday can add your child's name. There are limits on numbers.

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 for their first two mornings. Next week they will be staying for lunch, and their first full day will be on Thursday. 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 6. 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 two disabled parking spaces **must** remain free for the families with a blue badge. Both of these spaces are required by families at Messing. All parking spaces must be reversed into please. This is for the safety of pedestrians. Please be aware that the 'drop off' lane is for parents dropping off only, rather than getting children out of the car. Miss Andrews is on hand to help children for a safe and speedy exit. Thank you for your support with keeping our car park safe for our community.

