



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 fabulous weather we had over the break. Having come to the end of our first week, the children have settled into their school routines and it's been great to see the way they are interacting with each other and their teachers.

We have welcomed a returning member of staff this term. Ms Murr joins us supporting in Kingfisher class in the afternoon. The children have been very excited to see her back and we look forward to her supporting the children at Messing.

I must thank all of the staff and their families for their help with various jobs over the summer. We have a new shed by the Lodge with gardening equipment thanks to Mrs Allshorn's family. Mrs Hart and her husband have been helping in Wrens outside space to jet wash and tidy up the area. Mrs Lewis kindly offered her husbands time to deep clean all of the rugs in the classrooms and Mr Pearce has been busy fixing and replacing all of the pegs, ensuring we have enough for all of the children. As we all know, Messing has such a strong sense of community and I am very grateful for everybody's efforts.

Children in Owl class will attend their first swimming lesson at New Hall School on Friday (12th 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 begin on Thursday 11th September. Mr Pickford will be new to Messing from New Hall, supporting in Key Stage 2 with Spanish lessons on a Wednesday. 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 £2.50. 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

Mon 8th Sept- External sports clubs and Music lessons start

Tues 9th Sept- Residential parent meeting 3.20 pm (Owls)

Thurs 11th Sept- New Hall PE (Yr 1-6) begins // Reception's first full day

Fri 12th Sept- Owl class swimming at New Hall

Mon 15th Sept- Kingfisher parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm

Weds 17th Sept- Robin parents 'meet the teacher' 3:20pm

Thurs 18th Sept- Agents of Change conference for a group of KS2

Tues 23rd Sept- Maths talk for all parents 2.15 pm

Fri 26th Sept- Whole school flu vaccination

Mon 29th Sept- Phonics talk for EY & KS1 parents 3.20 pm

Mon 29th Sept- Fri 3rd Oct- Residential trip for Owls

Date tbc- PTFA AGM (time tbc)

Fri 10th Oct- Wear something yellow for World Mental Health day // Stay and Play & Share and Learn- parents invited in from 2.30 pm

Tues 14th & Thurs 16th Oct- Parent teacher consultations

Fri 24th Oct- Last day of term

External Clubs Sign-Ups

All of the clubs for the Autumn term can be viewed on the school [website here](#). They will begin on Monday 8th September. If you have been unable to do this, please ring the school office and Ms Gooday can add your child's name. There are limits on numbers.

For lunchtime clubs, teachers will be offering these in the coming weeks and children are able to sign up for themselves.

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 three 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 children and families who join us in Year 1, Year 3 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.

