



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. Having come to the end of our first week, the children have settled into their routines and it's been great to see the way they are interacting with each other and their teachers. There have also been many conversations around the completed building works, fencing and decoration that has really helped bring new energy to the school grounds and buildings.

I must thank all of the staff for their help with various jobs over the summer and the time they have taken setting up the classrooms. This is a job that takes place during every summer holiday, however with all furniture uprooted for decoration and wiring, it made this year's a much lengthier task with a lot more tidying to be done. As we all know, Messing has such a strong sense of community and I am very grateful for everybody's efforts. Excitingly, we expect the final jobs on site to be completed next week, where we will say a final thank you and farewell to the trades who have worked exceptionally hard to ensure everything is working and finished to the highest standard.

With regards to access into school, you are now able to use the intercom system at all of the gates. Push the large black button and wait to be connected. You will be buzzed in, or met at the gate if needed. Please ensure that you head straight towards the school office, where we have a flashy new system for signing in all visitors. You will notice that the new spaces are looking very sparse. We are currently on the look out for a second-hand 2-seater sofa in a light/ neutral colour in good condition. We are also keeping our eyes peeled for a large wicker laundry basket to house unnamed lost property.

Children in Owl class will attend their first swimming lesson at New Hall School on Friday 11th September and they will swim up until Christmas. Hockey is the focus for PE lessons from the New Hall coaches and these begin on Thursday 10th September. Key Stage 2 Spanish lessons will continue 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, Forest School or with general 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 or Mrs Chalkley 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 £2.75. 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

Parent Governor Results

At the end of last term you voted for the parent governors who will stand for a 3 year term. Thank you to all who stood and thank you for engaging with the votes.

Congratulations to Mrs Gillanders and Mrs Macrae who will continue to serve as parent governors.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Mon 7th Sept- External sports clubs starts

Weds 9th- Owls meet the teacher 3:20pm

Thurs 10th- Kingfishers meet the teacher 3:20pm // New Hall PE (Yr 1-6) begins // Reception's first full day

Fri 11th Sept- Owl class swimming at New Hall

Mon 14th Sept- Music lessons start

Tues 15th- Robins meet the teacher 3:20pm

Tues 22nd- Parent Maths workshop 2.15pm tbc

Tues 29th- Parent Phonics workshop 3.20pm

Fri 2nd- Share and Learn 2.30pm (parents)

Mon 5th- Tues 6th- Parents eve sign up

Thurs 8th- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Messing at 1.45pm (parents invited)

Fri 9th- PTFA AGM

Tues 13th- Flu immunisation for children

Tues 13th/ Thurs 15th- Parent's evening

Fri 23rd- Last day of half term

Welcome to Wrens & New Families

A very warm welcome to all children and families joining in Wrens class. We are incredibly proud of how the children have settled for their first two mornings. Thank you to the PTFA for putting on a cake and coffee session for the first drop-off yesterday. 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, 2, 3 and 4. 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. If there are no spaces available, please be patient and drive round again as they free up quickly. Please be aware that the 'drop off' lane is for parents dropping off only, rather than getting children out of the car. Thank you for your support with keeping our car park safe for our community.