



'Working Together to Fulfil Potential'

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome to the whole school community; those who are returning and all the new children and families beginning their James Brindley journey. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and are eager to return this academic year.

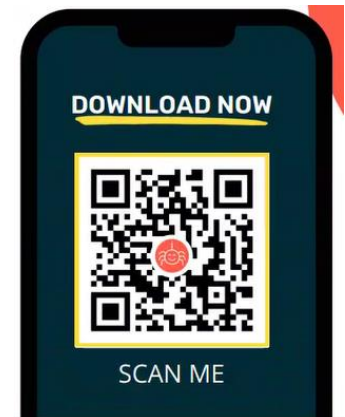
There was a real buzz of excitement in and around school yesterday, making for a great first day back for all staff and children. All classes engaged in team and class building activities, and expectations were set for the rest of the year. We have, as always, high aspirations and hopes for a successful year. If the positive start yesterday is anything to go by; we are in for a great year ahead!

Ongoing Communication

As explained in the summer term, we **will** be moving all communication including *messaging/email, parents' evening bookings, absence reporting, consent forms and parent surveys* to the School Spider Parent app. If you haven't already done so, **it is vital** that you download the School Spider app, in order to receive all further communication from the school. **As of, Monday 16th September, all correspondence will be sent through the app only.**

You can download the app via the Apple Store or Google Play Store by searching School Spider Parents or alternatively scan the QR Code.

Once downloaded, please select "Create account" and enter the email address that school holds for you on our system. If you have any problems, please let the office know so that we can check the necessary information.



Snacks in school

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are provided with a fruit snack each day. All children in Key Stage 2 are also able to bring in a small healthy snack for break time, if they wish. This however **must** be fruit (cut grapes only) or a breakfast bar. **No** crisps or chocolate bars are allowed as a snack during the school day. We also remind you that we are in fact **a nut-free school** so we do ask that all snacks adhere to this to ensure that everyone in our school community is safe. Children are also permitted to bring a drink to school; this **must** be water only.

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday with classmates, we ask that any treats, sweets (**no lollypops**) or cake are provided individually wrapped. These will then be shared at the end of the school day for children to enjoy at home, with parental consent.

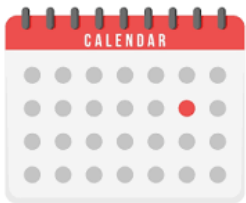
Entry and Exit to the premises

A polite reminder that we do operate a one-way entry system to support easy access to and from the school site. We also ask that all children dismount from bikes and scooters once on the school premises, and that they do not ride these when leaving at the end of the day. This is in the interest of keeping everyone safe at these times.

Staffing update

You should all now be aware of who your child's class teacher and support staff are for this year, and there will be further opportunity to meet with them at Welcome meetings next week – see below.

A quick update however, Miss Vaudrey is unfortunately unwell and will be absent from school for a period of time. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.



Key Dates for September

A full calendar of events for the academic year has been shared alongside this newsletter, and all dates are on our school website. While we would hope to stick to these dates, they do remain provisional as school life is busy and can often change. But, all details of events will be shared when needed.

Parent Welcome Meetings: We would like to invite all parents/carers from Reception to Year 6 to meet with class teachers on **Monday 9th September**, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the year ahead. Meetings will be held in classrooms. Please make your way to the outside door of the classroom, where the class teacher will greet you. There will be two sessions from which you can choose to attend- 15:30 or 16:00. All information provided during the sessions will be shared on the class webpage as well, if you are unable to attend please check here.

Roald Dahl Day: On **Friday 13th September**, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day to inspire and motivate our children to read. Children will complete a range of activities and pieces of work based on a selection of Roald Dahl's much-loved books. On this day, children are also invited to come to school dressed up as a Roald Dahl character. In assembly, we will judge the best outfits from the day, and those children who impress will receive a book of their choice as a prize. For costume ideas, take a look at [our events page](#) on the school website.



Kind Regards



Mrs K. Stokes

Head Teacher