



Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week back has certainly been a busy one with lots of exciting learning taking place. I have been impressed with the positive attitudes that pupils are displaying in the lessons that I have visited. A particular well done goes to our Year 6 pupils who took the Secondary Transfer tests this week.

Meet the Teacher

Don't forget to drop into your child's class on Wednesday between 3.10pm and 3.40pm. This is a chance for you to see where they will be learning this term and to meet their new teacher. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the class teacher in more detail, please make a separate appointment to do so.

Breakfast Club

It's great to see so many of our pupils enjoying a healthy breakfast together every morning. However, there are some children who are coming to breakfast club and either not eating or bring their breakfast with them. Unfortunately, we are not able to supervise these children. All children coming to breakfast club must be there to have the breakfast provided. Breakfast club is open from 8am – 8.30am. So that there is time for your child to eat their breakfast and for the volunteers to tidy up, children must arrive no later than 8.10am.

Please also note that from Monday, children attending breakfast club will enter through the school office rather than the drama room.

PE Kit

This week saw the first of our PE lessons for this term. It was fantastic to see the majority of children in the correct PE kit, but there were lots of children who did not have their kit with them. Please ensure that your child has shorts, t-shirt and trainers in school for PE so that they can join in appropriately with the activities.

Special Educational Needs

Unfortunately, we were not able to recruit a replacement teacher for the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator last term. This remains a high priority and we hope to have someone in place no later than the start of next term. However, in the interim, Sarah Howard from Chesham Grammar School will be acting in this role. You can contact her by email at

sendco@ivingswoodacademy.org and she will also be spending time in school. If you would like to speak to someone at school about any concerns you may have, I am always available to meet with you and will be working closely with Sarah Howard to make sure that the needs of all our pupils are met.

Curriculum Letters

By Monday, you should have received a letter from your child's class teacher giving you some information about the learning that will take place this term. Please do not hesitate to speak to them if you have any questions or concerns.

Key Dates

Some important upcoming dates:

Wednesday 19th September: Meet the Teacher drop-in

Friday 28th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning

More details to follow but please join us for coffee and cake to raise money for a great cause.

Monday 24th September: After School Clubs begin

Look out for more information regarding clubs that your child can sign up to join after school.

I look forward to meeting with you this afternoon at the Meet the Head teacher meeting or seeing you at the celebration assembly. If you are not able to come to this afternoon's meeting and would like to meet with me to discuss any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the school office.

Kind regards

Julie-Ann Swaysland

Head teacher