

# Newsletter 1

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Week beginning  
27<sup>th</sup> September  
Parent Consultation  
Evenings via MS Teams

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Favourites Day Lunch  
*Please order via School  
Grid*

## Class Reference Information:

### **Reception**

Robin and Wren  
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)

### **Key Stage 1 (KS1)**

Year 1: Swift, Nightingale  
Year 2: Woodpecker and  
Kingfisher

### **Lower Key Stage (LKS2)**

Year 3: Buzzard, Falcon,  
Year 4: Osprey and Skylark

### **Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)**

Year 5: Kestrel, Red Kite  
Year 6: Owl and Eagle

## **New Academic Year:**

We have made it to the end of the first full week! School has felt calm and productive, with happy smiling faces. We have returned to lunchtimes in the dining hall, and it has been lovely to see lots of children of differing ages playing together. This is the first time in almost two years lunches have returned to how they were pre-pandemic. We will be tweaking the provision as the weeks pass and play equipment will return outside from Monday.

Ahead of Parent Consultations later this month, we would like to offer you the opportunity, if you would like, to come into the classroom and have a look round and say a quick hello. Please note that it's not an opportunity to discuss your child specifically, but to have a look at the classroom environment. Discussions about your child and how they have settled into school will take place during consultation evenings, however if you need to discuss something with the class teacher before this, please arrange a separate meeting. Your child's class teacher will be in touch regarding how to arrange a date to attend.

This week, you should also receive your child's home learning overview, the Knowledge Organisers they will be referring to, and learning from, over the term in each subject and a reading book.

## **Absence:**

Like the rest of the country, many of our families have developed colds since returning to school. We hope the guidance we have sent helps support your decision making about whether your child is able to attend school or should stay at home, and if displaying COVID symptoms, you must seek a PCR test NOT an LFD. If a child or member of staff does receive a positive test result, we will ensure we follow Government Guidance and those who need to be informed will be, as soon as possible.

We continue to ensure we are following strict hygiene measures throughout the school. We will continue to follow guidance, change our practice accordingly and regularly update all parents.

## **New Starters:**

Today we welcomed our new Reception children. They all settled really well and looked very smart in their new uniforms. We have also welcomed a number of children across the school and 5 new children to the Cabin. Everyone appears to have been very settled, wearing smiles and making new friends.

## **Roosters:**

Last week, we opened our Wraparound Care Club – Roosters! It has been wonderful to see so many children attending, fully engaging in a great range of activities such as painting, crafts, Science experiments, investigative activities, such as dismantling laptops and board games. Children are also provided with a buffet breakfast and a hot tea, after 5pm. If you would like further details or would like to book your child a place, please contact: Jackie Daisley via email: [wac@gamlingayvp.org](mailto:wac@gamlingayvp.org)