



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to this new academic year. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are enjoying being back into the routine of school again. A very special welcome also to our new families joining Red Kite.

The school was a hive of activity over the summer with our reorganisation of the school layout as well as creating new outside areas. Our Site Supervisor Marcio was kept very busy indeed and was amazing in getting everything done. Our staff also worked tirelessly too in ensuring the classroom environments were organised and well prepared to welcome your children and young people back to school. The school environment looks great.

We have had two new outdoor canopies fitted over the summer. One in our Woods playground and one in the Lookout outdoor area. We have also had some lovely wall art fitted too. A meadows scene at the Meadows entrance and a woods scene at the Woods entrance. The pupils are enjoying both looking at these and finding the insects and animals too!

We are really proud of how everyone has settled back and adapted to the changes we have made over the summer. We are focusing on building relationships and getting routines in place for the first few weeks.

We also welcome 11 new pupils to our Primary Department and 7 new pupils to our Secondary Department and welcome some new staff to our Red Kite Family too.

In our Meadows Primary Department, Paula has joined us as the new teacher in Poppies Class and also Emily as LSA in Daisies and Catherine as LSA in Cornflowers.



Emily



Paula



Catherine

In our Woods Secondary Department, Abbie as LSA in Foxes, Kayleigh as LSA in Hedgehogs and Rosemary as LSA in Bears.



Abbie



Kayleigh



Rosemary

Jade, one of our lovely Healthcare Assistants (HCA) has left Red Kite to take a promotion in another school setting. We will really miss her bubbly character. We have recruited to this post internally and are really pleased that Coley has now been appointed to take on this role.

We also have a new school nurse this year. Jamie Cameron is our Senior Special School Nurse. Jamie will be with us every week on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.**

The Kettle is open every day to all parents until 11am. It would be lovely to see our new parents popping in. Every Wednesday there will be a Coffee morning from 9-10am where a member of our Family Support Team will be available to have a chat/offer support if needed.

The café will open next week Monday-Thursday at 2pm for parents to purchase tea, coffee, Tassimo drinks and snacks.

We are planning to organise for more agencies and professionals to come in and deliver workshops or drop in's this year. The Family Support Team will confirm a timetable for this once finalised. We have the Mental Health Support Team coming in this term.

Next week, we have a Parents Information session on **Tuesday 17th September at 6pm.** This is to share with you our new Assessment Framework and Evidence for Learning app. Please email Emma if you haven't already, to let us know if you are able to come along emma.campbell@redkite.school

Dates for Term 1

Date	Event
Monday 16th September	Jeans for Genes Day- Pupils can wear mufti.
Monday 23rd September	International Day of Sign Languages
Friday 4th October	Parent drop in session 9am to 10am in The Kettle with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
Monday 14th to Friday 18th October	National Baking Week Careers week (KS4 and 5)
Wednesday 16th October	Parents Evening - letter to follow
Monday 21st October to Thursday 24th October	Family Learning week - more details to follow
Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th October	Scholastic Book Fair in school - times to follow
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes

Karen

