



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tel. (01993) 703651 Website: <https://ducklington.oxon.sch.uk/>

Headteacher: Mr R. Leigh

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome to the Autumn term, I hope you all had a great summer holiday and had the opportunity to rest and relax. It was great to see everyone settling into their new classrooms particularly welcoming our new children in the Nursery and Reception classes. Well done to the Year 6 children and adults for managing in the hall following the flood in their classroom – it has been great to watch them at work. We knew it was the beginning of term as the summer weather has arrived this week only 6 weeks late.

I was thrilled at our first assembly to have the whole school present including our new Reception class, who sat brilliantly listening and joining in with the discussions. In the assembly, we looked at our new school rules, which are '**Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**'. Across the classes, we shared the fantastic ways that we can show that we are following these rules and what they could mean to us. We will be using these words to help frame our discussions with the children throughout the year and this will help us all to get on with each other and support our learning.

Some additional thoughts following the first few days:

- Please remember the gate times of 8:30am – 8:40am (8:45am for next week only) and opening the gate at 3pm for Nursery and 3:10pm for the rest of the school.
- Please make sure that all uniform and property is labelled with your child's name as we do not have a lost property box – I am hoping this could become something kept in the past.
- Please at the end of the day, allow the staff to make sure that children are with the correct adult and let the office know if there is a change to the pickup arrangements as soon as possible.
- As last year, we will continue not to allow sweets etc for birthdays – I know this will be upsetting for some; however, as a school we need to promote healthy eating and lifestyles.

Mr. Leigh

### Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Respect

We will be learning about respect for people because you admire something about them, respect for other people's feelings, wishes and rights as well as respect for the environment. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

*'So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.'*

*Matthew 7:12*

### Future Diary Dates.

**REMEMBER** new school end time of 3:15pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Swimming starts for 6 weeks**

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September Y6 Bikeability

22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September Y5 and new learners

Bikeability

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service in Church