

# Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all, I'd like to thank all the staff, children, parents and guardians of Hethersett Woodside for the kind and warm welcome I have received since starting in September as Deputy Headteacher. I genuinely feel so proud to work in such an amazing school community. Within my role, I lead on: Key Stage 2, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Looked after Children, Children with English as an Additional Language, Pupil Premium, Attendance, Assessment, Personal Development and Educational Visits.

I am writing to update you on a few points.

## **Arrival and Departure**

It's been great to greet so many people in the mornings and to have parents on site. Can I just remind you of the arrival times for different groups.

Reception: 08:50 - 08:55

KS1: 08:45 to 08:50

KS2: 08:40 to 08:45

For KS2, the door at the bottom of the stairs will be locked a few minutes after 08:45. If you do arrive late, please make your way around to the Office to sign in using our new electronic system.

We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption. Inevitably, children will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. We understand that life gets in the way. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience.

Gates will continue to be locked from 09:00 and 15:30 to maintain site security.



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## **Attendance**

Over the years, there has been lots of research undertaken into school attendance. It hopefully won't surprise you that there are clear links between attendance and achievement as well as other wider benefits. As a school, we are currently evaluating our processes to ensure we are as effective as possible to monitor, evaluate and act on issues regarding attendance.

To help us, please continue to use the absence line for reporting pupil absence as this reduces the time taken for enquiries into non-attendance. School will make contact with you if we have no reason for your child not being in school.

## **School Council**

Over the last couple of weeks, we've been working on getting our School Council in place. Last week during Campaign Day, children who wished to stand for election pitched to their peers in class their reasons why they should be voted for. Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October saw us in full on election mode as the children carefully chose their candidates using their ballot papers into our ballot box which was kindly provided by South Norfolk Council's Governance Dept. I'm pleased to be able to announce that the following school councillors have been elected for the year.

Chestnut: Albi Helps and Nancy Russell

Holly: Marcie Batchelor and Edwin Darish

Hazel: Giada Signore and Georgia Biernaskie

Laurel: Tippi Thurston and Jaxon Smith

Beech: Jinsi Cai and Faye Cubit

Lime: Aoife McNally and Finn Richards

Cedar: Thomas Pugh and Arlo Davies

Ash: Amelia Lawrence and Annabelle Ducker

Birch: Macie-Rose Bunn and Emilia Broom



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In summary, I am so pleased to be a part of the team here at Hethersett Woodside and I genuinely feel privileged to play an essential part in the development of the school. Whether in person, on the telephone or through email, I have enjoyed getting to know you all. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and return well rested for the run up to Christmas.

Kind regards,

Sam Carter

Deputy Headteacher

