



# Headteacher Update



2024 - 2025

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 – General Update

We have had a really positive start back to the new term, it has been great seeing the children in school and actively learning. Thank you to those parents who help to make sure their child is on time for school and attending regularly.

### Sweets/treats/healthy snacks

As a school we do not allow pupils to bring in birthday sweets/treats due to the increase in food allergies and the expense to families; all pupils (who want) have their birthday celebrated in the classroom. Please can parents also be aware of not sending sweets into school in lunchboxes, we do ask that lunch boxes are healthy and provide a balanced nutritious meal. If your child would like a snack to eat during their play times, we ask that these are also healthy. Please remember in all cases, we are a nut free school.

### Parking

I am once again asking that all parents/adults who drop off and collect from school do so in a safe, considerate and legal way. I have received a number of complaints from residents about cars being parked over drives, blocking pavements and in some instances, residents being verbally abused. As a school, we are not allowed to 'police' the public highways so I encourage all parents and residents who have concerns to contact the local community police which is what we do as a school.

### After School Clubs

As a school we offer a wide range of free after school clubs which can mean pupils need to bring in sports clothes to get changed into. There is no uniform policy for After School Clubs, but we do ask that they are dressed in appropriate and practical clothes for the activity; this does not have to be a plain white t-shirt and black short/joggers. If your child has had PE on the same day as the club, they can stay in their PE kit. No pupil should come to school in clothing for an After School Club.

### Staffing

Mrs Meller (Care Assistant) and Mrs Wynne (Teaching assistant) have both made the decision to leave Old Basford School and start a career outside of education. They will both be missed at school and we have already started the recruitment process for their replacements. Mrs Meller's last day is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Mrs Wynne's last day is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Arbor

Thank you to all of the parents who use the Arbor app regularly, this is our main way of communicating with parents, both from the school office and the class teachers (PROUD points and Behaviour incidents). Please make sure you are checking it daily and keeping on track with messages. If you have any questions, need help or need to reset Arbor, please speak to a member of the office team.

### Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>w.b 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>		Nursery <b>parents</b> stay and read 11:00am and 2:50pm			
<b>w.b 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>		Year 4 <b>parent</b> workshop 9:00am			SEND Coffee morning <b>(parents)</b> 9:00am
<b>w.b 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>					School closes to <b>pupils</b> at 3:20pm
<b>Half term</b>					
<b>w.b 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 3 <b>parent</b> workshop 2:50pm	Year 6 <b>pupils</b> Mayan experience (in school)			
<b>w.b 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	School Disco <b>(pupils)</b>	Year 6 <b>parent</b> workshop 9:00am			
<b>w.b 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>					Year 2 <b>parent</b> workshop 9:00am
<b>w.b 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>		Pupil review meetings with teachers <b>(parents)</b>		Pupil review meetings with teachers <b>(parents)</b>	
<b>w.b 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>				Willow <b>parent</b> workshop 9:00am  Year 6 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm	Year 1 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 9:00am  F2 <b>parent</b> workshop 2:30pm  Year 2 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm
<b>w.b 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 3 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 9:00am	Year 4 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm	Year 5 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 9:00am  Nursery <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 11:00am  F2 <b>parent</b> PROUD assembly 2:45pm		School closes to <b>pupils</b> at 3:20pm