

6th September 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and we are all very much looking forward to seeing everyone back in school tomorrow. There have been a few changes over the holiday so please find below some information that you might find useful. Our team have been working very hard over the summer to make sure the school is looking great for our children returning and we continue to deliver fantastic learning.

Hedgehog and Owl Class	Hedgehog	Nursery & Reception	Miss Alderson Mrs Chalmers Mrs Davies Miss Randall (Fridays)
	Owl	Year 1	

Fox and Squirrel Class	Squirrel	Year 2	Mrs Brabant – mornings Mrs Newman/Miss Coutts/Mrs Roberts - afternoons
	Fox	Years 3/4	Mrs Newman Miss Coutts Mrs Roberts

Deer Class	Years 5/6	Miss Simpson Miss Shanks (Mondays) Mrs Roberts
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On Thursday afternoons the children and staff from Milburn School will be joining us for a curriculum afternoon including PE and music. Music will be taught by Karen West and we are very excited by the new opportunities this will bring for music at Clifton. Miss Shanks and Miss Randall, two members of staff from Milburn, will also be joining our team (Miss Shanks on Mondays in 5/6 and Miss Randall on Friday with Hedgehog and Owl class)

As Squirrel class will now be spending their mornings in our newly decorated and resourced learning space we have changed the organisation for the start of the school day. All children will enter school via the gate at the rear of school and will then enter the building as follows:

- Hedgehog (Nursery/Reception) & Owl (Year 1) class – through the shelter and into class.
- Squirrel (Year 2) & Deer class (year 5/6) – in through the central blue door
- Fox Class (Year 3/4)– into Fox class through the blue door.

To develop independence and ease the flow of movement parents of children in Years 2-6 are encouraged to say goodbye to their children at the rear gate whilst parents of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children are welcome to accompany their children into the playground. At home time children in Years 2-6 will leave from the two fire exit doors as usual and parents of Hedgehog & Owl class can come and collect their children from the playground.

We will be around at the start and end of the day to make sure everyone knows where to go and answer any questions you might have.

Please remember to order you child/children's school meals on Parent Pay. Joanna will no longer be taking orders outside in the morning so it is very important these are booked in advance to help with preparing meals.

As you may recall Miss Alderson got married over the Summer holiday and now goes by the name Mrs Collin. Since then she has been busy developing the learning environment in Hedgehog class and is looking for the following resources:
small pans, wooden cooking utensils, recipe books, take away menus, vehicle and cooking magazines.....please pop them into school if you have any.

A weekly update will be sent home every Friday and class letters will be sent home in the coming week but if you ever have any questions please do ask a member of staff.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team