



# Naphill and Walters Ash School

## Newsletter September 2024

### Key Dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – 11+

Practice test

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – 11+ Actual test

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 trip to Hazard Alley

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Y1&2 trip to Bekonscot model village

### Welcome Back

I hope you all had a good summer break and it is good to have the children back. Welcome to the school if you have just started with us.

The children have settled in well; their singing in assembly today was very good. We already have our Year 5/6 helpers in the dining room and their help makes a huge difference at lunchtimes.

Year 6 are soon off to Hazard Alley and Year 1/2 are going to Bekonscot model village this month. Hopefully after the trips I can share some of their photos and work.

### A message from the Head, Miss K Gwynn

Year 6 parents please remember to go and visit potential secondary schools in the next few weeks. I do authorise any absence for your child if they visit too. Please do your homework on catchment areas, especially if you live closer to High Wycombe. I am more than happy to talk to anyone about the process, just make an appointment at the office.

I will be closing the playground gates at 8.50am each morning. The children need to be in their lines for 8.40 am. All classes start their morning activities as soon as the children are in, so everyone needs to be on time.

As many of you will know the Government has set new guidance on term time absences for holidays. The new policy has to be seen and approved by the Governors; when they have approved it, I will share it with you.

Coats – they are a very useful item of clothing. Please send your child in with one as, and this may come as no surprise, the weather is variable. We do not have enough spare coats to give every child who hasn't got one, we do go out in the rain and when it is cold. And – yes name them! I have already started my possible recycling pile as there are already unnamed jumpers in lost property.



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### DT Contribution

Thank you to those of you who have sent in the £10.00 contribution for your child's DT work this year. I appreciate we have gone old school and asked for cash and that is because it makes it much easier for the staff when purchasing the food required for the cooking. As those of you with older children will know sourcing ingredients for their weekly Food Tech lessons is not easy! For those of you who attended the meeting last term on the mixed age classes you will appreciate there just isn't the money in the budget to cover all the extra resources needed.

### Independence

Right from the start we aim to make the children as independent as possible, it is a life skill. They can all carry their own bags! There are many children who still cannot open a packet of crisps or a biscuit in a wrapper – please teach them how to do it on their own. Frubes do, unfortunately, often need some adult help and we will help with those. If you order a jacket potato for your child teach them how to eat one! We do not have the staff to cut up every single potato. We try to help with the cutting up if the food is tricky at first but our expectation is they become independent in the dining room.

### Contact Details

If over the summer your phone numbers or emails changed then please let the school office know so we can update our records. We have to have the details for two people for each child as part of our safeguarding policy.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Music Lessons

If your child wants to learn a musical instrument then please enquire at the school office about lessons that the Bucks Music Service provides to schools. Lessons are for children in Year 2 and up.

### Parking

Please do not park on the yellow lines on the road by the playground gate. Can I also remind people not to park in the residents parking bays or in a way that blocks those junctions. Parking dangerously and inconsiderately helps no one.