

Dear Parents/Carers,

A New School Year

On behalf of the whole school community, I hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer making lots of memories. It is so lovely to have the children back in school after their summer break and have all been so impressed with the enthusiastic and focused start to learning that we have seen. A big thank you to all the Ingham school staff who have prepared their classrooms and worked hard to ensure the children have had a settled start back at school.

Our new children in Willow class have all settled so well! If you are new to our school then a very warm welcome – we are glad you are joining us! It is also great to welcome back familiar faces, many of whom seem to have grown enormously over the summer!

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. In a few weeks, we will be taking Oak Class on a residential visit to Boggle Hole, where they will have the opportunity to learn about habitats and will also learn a great deal about themselves and about each other. Other classes are planning visits and visitors throughout the year.

Communication

Communication is a really important aspect of school life and it is something that we are constantly working hard to make as effective as possible so that you are kept up to date about the children's learning, as well as clubs and events.

Fortnightly newsletters will be sent out on Dojo, usually on a Friday.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an app-based communication tool which is used by significant numbers of schools in the UK and 90% of schools in the USA. It is our main communication channel with parents. It includes **School Story** where we will post letters and information; **Class Story** where there may be any class specific information as well as posts from your child's class teacher about learning in your child's class - these posts will only be visible to parents of children in that class; you will also be able to message your child's class teacher here or the school office. Please remember that all messages that may be urgent should be communicated by telephone by calling 01522 730244. Please leave a message as these messages are checked regularly. Classteachers will not check Dojo during the school day as they will be teaching the children.





We operate a cashless system and so all payments for trips, visitors or other events will be made through ParentPay. ParentPay will continue to be used periodically because of the payment options within it. Those of you who are already on this system will not need to do anything, all children have been progressed up to their new year group. New parents have all been contacted separately with instructions on how to register.

School uniform

This is very important to us. On PE days children can come dressed in their PE clothes-be aware of the changing weather as children will need to be in these clothes all day, whatever the weather.

Black shoes should be worn with school uniform-not trainers.

Please remember that all hair that is long enough to be tied back should be tied back. It helps reduce the spread of headlice and it discourages children from touching their own or others' hair. Please also remember coats for rainy days.

A final reminder to put names on everything so that if something is lost, it can be returned to the correct owner-thank you for your support with this.

Please do pop and see me or catch me at the gate if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

K A Hutchinson

Mrs Hutchinson
Headteacher