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the
Community,
with the
Community at
its heart'



Newsletter 9th September 2022

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. We have all been so impressed with the enthusiastic and focused start to learning that we have seen. The new children to our school in Willow 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!

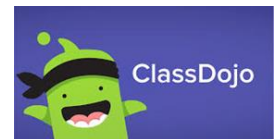
We are really looking forward to the year ahead. In a few days, we will be taking Oak Class on a residential visit to Boggle Hole, where they will have the opportunity to learn about habitats and will also learn a great deal about themselves and about each other. Other classes are planning visits and visitors throughout the year. We also have Year 4/5 heading to Media City to watch BBC rehearse and film Blue Peter!

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 either be sent to the School Office account or left as a voicemail by calling 01522 730244.



ParentPay



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 will be contacted separately with instructions on how to register.

Microsoft Teams



Many of you will have become familiar with Microsoft Teams during the lockdown period. We will be continuing to develop our use of the Office 365 platform. This will be used with children in Years 1-6.

Early in the term your child will receive their login details for Office 365 along with instructions. Those who registered last year will continue to be able to use this and will find their new class teams are already set up. Access is either through the app (on a phone, tablet or computer) or through the Office 365 website. MS Teams will be used as our main learning platform, including for homework and for any home-learning in the event of any self-isolation or local lockdowns etc.

Tapestry-Reception children only



Tapestry is used for the children in Reception instead of Teams. Many parents will be familiar with this from preschools that their children have attended. This is used to record the child's learning journey over the course of the Reception year. Parents of children in Reception will receive further communication about this. Please remember that we really value your own contributions here – let us know what your children have been doing at home.

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!

Other news

A big welcome to Miss Bartrop (Y3/4 teacher), Miss Larkin (Year 1/2 teacher) and Mr Murray (Trainee teacher in Y5/6) who have all joined the Ingham school team this year.

Also, a massive thank you to all the Ingham school staff who have worked really hard to ensure the children have had a settled start back at school.

Thank you for your continued Support. 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

FRIENDS OF INGHAM SCHOOL

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Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Please come along and support us, find out who we are and the various ways you can help with fundraising for our school.
Drinks and nibbles provided.

**at Ingham Primary School
Monday 26th September 2022
at 7.30pm**



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