



Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our Infant and Junior families! We hope you had a refreshing and relaxing summer break. The children are looking smart in their uniforms, which is a wonderful display of respect for our school community. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named, so lost items can easily find their way home! With the weather being unpredictable, we kindly ask that all children come to school daily with a waterproof or warm coat, as we try to go outside during break and lunchtimes for much-needed exercise.

A special welcome to our new families, whether your children are starting in Foundation Stage, Year 3, or joining other year groups. Both children and staff seem to be settling in well, and the shorter week may have eased the transition back to school. Returning after a long break or joining a new school can be challenging, and children may feel anxious about their classrooms, teachers, or making new friends. By next week, expect them to feel more confident with their new routines, teachers, and classmates, although they may be quite tired!

This week, I have enjoyed spending time in Willow and Ash classes, seeing how the children are becoming more confident, as well as working together on this term's character focus 'Goldie' showing respect with such marvellous manners (Goldie is one of the six characters that form part of the Infants' vision and values). In addition, our new Year 3 children are similarly settling well into the start of the Junior school, with a whole school focus this half term on 'Challenge' as one of the eight areas that make up our Oaklands' Mindset. It is good to see that the values of both schools are closely aligned. For more information, please visit our websites.

It is my absolute pleasure to be taking on the new role of Executive Head across both schools and it has been lovely meeting many of you this week at the Ellis Road gate in the morning; in time I will try to balance my time between this gate and the Butler Road gate to hopefully be able to meet all our families!

We look forward to a very happy and busy term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H West
Executive Head
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