



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year. I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

For those of you who have not met me before, I have over 25 years' experience in teaching all year groups from Reception to Year 6. I am married and have one son at university. I also have 2 dogs and I enjoy countryside sports and sewing in my spare time.

Up until this year I have been teaching in year 5 however I have had experience in the past of both year 2 and year 3. I consider myself to be approachable and understanding, therefore if you need any help or have a question then please don't hesitate to ask.

New children

This term we have 5 new children who will be starting with us. Flynn, Nancy, Brohain, Lin and Archie will be joining on Tuesday and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and their families to Blewbury School.

Theme

The class overview of what we will be learning can be found on [this link](#).

Timetable

Please find a copy of the class timetable on the website. Please note that we have PE 2 times a week. My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time will be on a Tuesday pm and will be covered by Mr Sadler (PE coach) and Miss Reeder (Headteacher).

What they need to bring?

All children need to bring in a PE kit consisting of red shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers in a bag that will remain in school until it needs to be changed. Children need a named water bottle with only **water**, a coat, a book bag and wellingtons if wet.

Homework

Weekly homework will be given out over Seesaw (online) on a Friday commencing Friday 16th September. It will consist of an activity that will be related to what we have learned or are about to learn (in the form of research). In addition to the prescribed homework, all children are expected to read at home every day as well as being read to. We will change banded/decodable reading books once a week, however the children can borrow other books throughout the week at their own pace.

Curriculum Visit

We hope to arrange a visit to Gaydon Car Museum in November, more information will follow later this term.

Nativity

One of the special events that Goldsworthy is responsible for and one of my favourite activities to do, is the Nativity. This year both Year 3 and Year 2 will be leading the Nativity and O'Keefe class will assist. We will begin rehearsals after half term and all the children will be allocated a part closer to the date.

Important dates

Tuesday 6th September – School starts

Monday 12th September – Coffee Morning 8.45 – 9.45 am (PTA will provide refreshments)

Wednesday 5th October – Sports Morning 9 – 10.30am

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October – Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday 21st October – INSET day (school closed to children)

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term

Monday 31st October – School open

A date in November t.b.c – Gaydon Car Museum

Wednesday 14th December – Nativity Performance to parents at 2pm

Thursday 15th December – Nativity Performance to parents at 2 pm

Monday 19th December – Carol Concert pm

Tuesday 20th December – End of term.

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Thursday 5th January 2023 – School open – term begins

Kind Regards,

Nicky Galbraith