

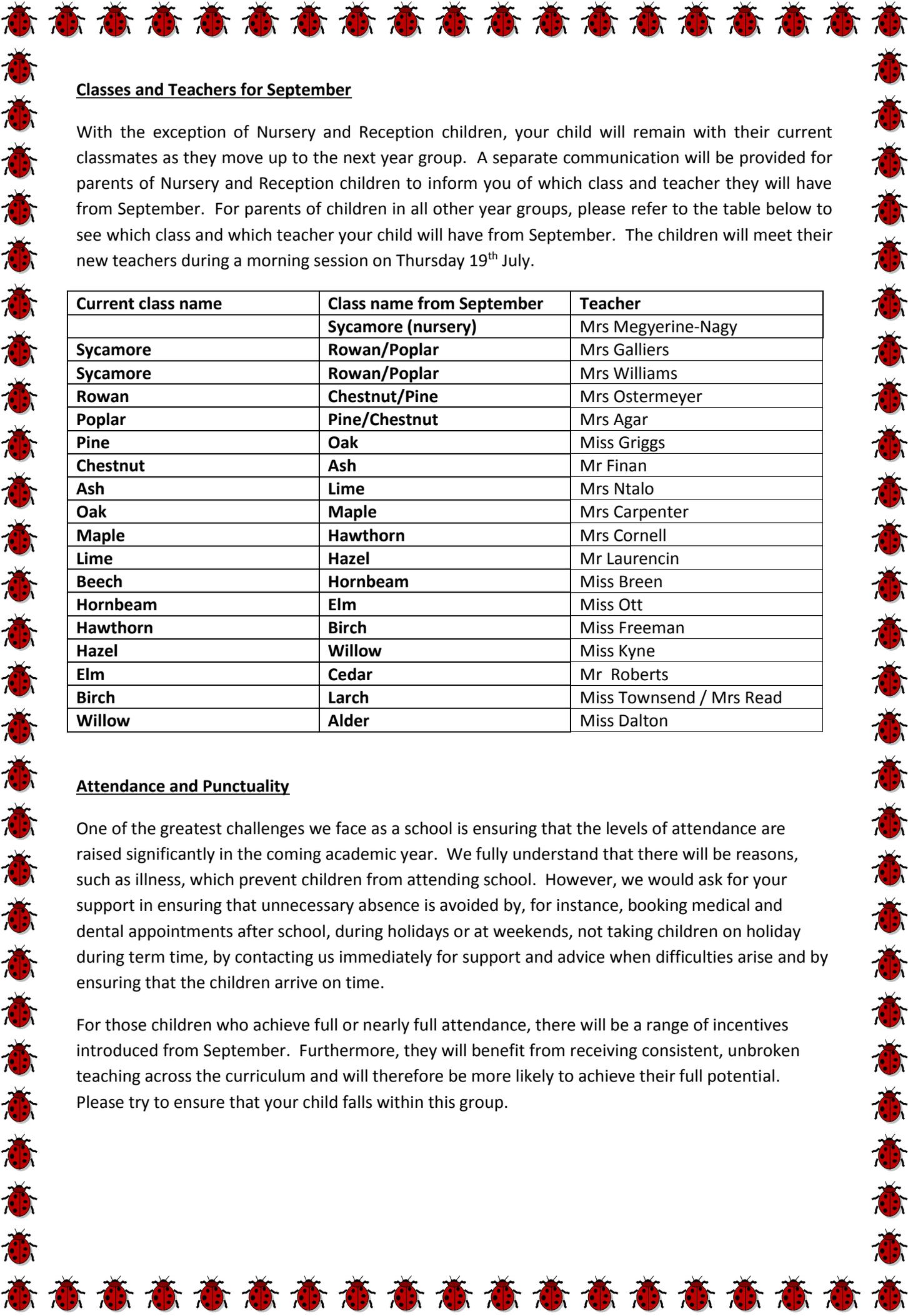
## End of Year Newsletter for Parents, Friends and Governors

July 2018

### Say hello, wave goodbye

It is not unusual for school years to end with sad goodbyes to staff members who are leaving and warm welcomes to newcomers. This year, however, is more momentous than most as we are saying goodbye to a number of valued members of staff, including our Principal, who have served the school admirably during their time here, be it of a longer or shorter duration. We would like to thank Mr O'Donoghue, Mr Slattery, Mr Bannon and Miss Patten for all their hard work and contributions to the school community during their time here and wish them every success in their future careers as they move on to pastures new in other schools. We would also like to wish Mrs Persaud every success in her new position as a Newly Qualified Teacher at Hacton Primary School and thank her for her longstanding commitment to the sports programme at Pyrgo as well as her teaching contribution. We will also miss the dynamic contributions, musical talents and deep commitment of Mr Fielder as he takes on a position as a deputy head teacher at Branfil School in Upminster. Mrs Caws, a long-serving lynch-pin of our school, is also leaving us to take up a position as a senior lecturer at a nearby university. Her caring presence, diligence and extensive professional knowledge will be missed by all those who have worked with her. Last, but certainly not least, Mrs Becker, our esteemed Principal, will be retiring following a lifetime in education including several successful years here as a Vice Principal and Principal. Staff and governors alike will miss her drive and commitment to ensuring that the highest standards of professionalism, safeguarding and delivery of the curriculum were always met. The children, however, will remember her fondly as the 'Pig of Happiness' Principal. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Looking on the brighter side, we will shortly be welcoming a number of new staff members whom we are sure will help us to continue to provide an excellent standard of education and care for your children. You will already be aware that Mrs Fisk, formerly the acting head teacher of Branfil School in Upminster, will be taking on the role of Principal here. We are sure that the children, parents, carers, governors and staff will proffer her a warm welcome as she settles into her new role and that her experience and leadership skills will support the school in its growth and development in the coming years. To replace the teachers who are leaving, we will be welcoming four newcomers. Mrs Carpenter, who has already provided us with excellent support on a temporary basis, will be joining us as a class teacher from September. We are also looking forward to the arrival of Miss Breen, Miss Ott and Miss Kyne, three experienced teachers who will be taking up positions as class teachers.



## Classes and Teachers for September

With the exception of Nursery and Reception children, your child will remain with their current classmates as they move up to the next year group. A separate communication will be provided for parents of Nursery and Reception children to inform you of which class and teacher they will have from September. For parents of children in all other year groups, please refer to the table below to see which class and which teacher your child will have from September. The children will meet their new teachers during a morning session on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Current class name	Class name from September	Teacher
	<b>Sycamore (nursery)</b>	Mrs Megyerine-Nagy
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Rowan/Poplar</b>	Mrs Galliers
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Rowan/Poplar</b>	Mrs Williams
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Chestnut/Pine</b>	Mrs Ostermeyer
<b>Poplar</b>	<b>Pine/Chestnut</b>	Mrs Agar
<b>Pine</b>	<b>Oak</b>	Miss Griggs
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Ash</b>	Mr Finan
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Lime</b>	Mrs Ntalo
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Maple</b>	Mrs Carpenter
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Hawthorn</b>	Mrs Cornell
<b>Lime</b>	<b>Hazel</b>	Mr Laurencin
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Hornbeam</b>	Miss Breen
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<b>Elm</b>	Miss Ott
<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>Birch</b>	Miss Freeman
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Willow</b>	Miss Kyne
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Cedar</b>	Mr Roberts
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Larch</b>	Miss Townsend / Mrs Read
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Alder</b>	Miss Dalton

## Attendance and Punctuality

One of the greatest challenges we face as a school is ensuring that the levels of attendance are raised significantly in the coming academic year. We fully understand that there will be reasons, such as illness, which prevent children from attending school. However, we would ask for your support in ensuring that unnecessary absence is avoided by, for instance, booking medical and dental appointments after school, during holidays or at weekends, not taking children on holiday during term time, by contacting us immediately for support and advice when difficulties arise and by ensuring that the children arrive on time.

For those children who achieve full or nearly full attendance, there will be a range of incentives introduced from September. Furthermore, they will benefit from receiving consistent, unbroken teaching across the curriculum and will therefore be more likely to achieve their full potential. Please try to ensure that your child falls within this group.



## **Events and Fund-raising**



### **Open Day and End-of-Year Reports**



This year, our open day will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. As before, it will include a grand art exhibition in the hall with musical accompaniment and opportunities to 'get your hands dirty' by trying one of our crafts. You will also be welcome to collect your child from their class and look through their books with them. The morning session will run from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and the afternoon session will run from 1:15 pm to 2:45 p.m. Your child's end-of-year report will be available for collection from their class on this day. If you are unable to attend, the report will be sent home with the child.



### **FoDs Fun Day**



We would like to thank the ladies from FoDS who organised a hugely enjoyable event on Drapers' Pyrgo's site on 20<sup>th</sup> June, raising much-needed funds for the MAT schools. It was delightful to host families from other schools and pleasing, too, to see how many staff members from Drapers' Pyrgo supported the event. We would also like to thank Mr Richardson from Drapers' Academy who gave up his time to support another MAT school.



### **Y6 Concert**

The West End came to Harold Hill when our year six thespians delivered an emphatic performance of the musical, 'Grease'. An evening of compelling drama, thumping numbers and exuberant moves kept the packed house gripped and entertained from beginning to end. Congratulations to those amazing performers and a big thank you to all the parents, carers, governors and friends who supported the event, and to the staff at Drapers' Academy whose auditorium was used for the show.



### **Y6 Graduation**

This year, for the first time, we will have almost 90 children graduating from year 6. We would like to wish all our leavers happiness and success throughout their secondary school years.



### **Choir**

Led by Mr Laurencin and Mrs Maynard, our wonderful choir has completed yet another year with a string of excellent performances at high profile venues such as the O2 and Queen's Theatre or within the community at venues such as St Francis Hospice. Well done to all those children who participated and thank you to the parents who also supported us.



### **Danbury Residential**

Many of our Y6 children are due to attend a highly active week at Danbury from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Although it will no doubt be exhausting, the children should thoroughly enjoy the experience, deepening friendships and gaining confidence in their own potential.





### **Science and Engineering week**



During Science and Engineering Week, all children participated in a range of exciting practical experiments ranging from volcanic eruptions to rocket science. Einstein would have been proud of us!



### **Art and Culture Week**



Based upon languages spoken within our school, children from each year group investigated the cultures of a range of countries from around the world, producing some outstanding artwork, poetry and musical performances in the process.



### **Book Fair**



Thank you for the generosity shown once again during our recent book fair. The school sold almost £950 worth of books and stationery which allowed us to purchase almost £950 worth of books for the classrooms and library.



### **Sports**



We continue to participate in a range of sports including girls' and boys' football, basketball, hockey and netball. Although we have not reached the dizzy heights of success that we enjoyed last year, we have been delighted with the sportsmanship and dedication shown by all those who have attended clubs and participated in competitions to date. We would also like to congratulate our Rounders Team for winning the recent borough-wide Rounders competition.



### **Art Shirts Appeal**



We would be very grateful for donations of old shirts and t-shirts that might be used as smocks during art lessons to protect children's uniforms from stains. If you have any spare t-shirts or shirts, please donate them to the school in September. Thank you.



### **Clubs from September**



All clubs that have been running during this academic year will continue in September when information on membership and commencement dates will be made available to you.



### **Uniform**



The uniform requirements will remain unchanged from September. More detailed information can be found on our website. Our uniform stockists are: Lyons School Shop, 242 Hertford Road, Enfield, EN3 5BL. To order uniform parents/carers should contact them either by telephone on 020 8804 3627 or online at [www.uniform4kids.com](http://www.uniform4kids.com). There is also a shop held at Drapers' Academy between 10am and 1pm on selected Wednesdays. Please refer to our website for dates.





## **Reminders**



### **Cool Milk**



If your child is starting in Reception, they are entitled to free milk until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. You need to register their details at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or ask the Office for a registration form. Once they reach their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, you will be contacted by Cool Milk asking you to pay for their milk.



### **Reading books and library books**



If you have not already done so, please ensure that these are all returned to your child's class teacher by the end of this week.



### **Summer Reading Challenge**



Please note that all children have been encouraged to participate in Havering Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge. The children have been provided with information on how to take part, or you can find further information by visiting one of the local libraries.



### **sQuid Reminder**



Please check your child's account to ensure that outstanding debts are paid and that it is in credit for the commencement of the Autumn Term. Due to an increasing number of high debts on sQuid, if debts go over £10, then your child will be provided with a sandwich if they order a school dinner until the debt is cleared.



Children moving into Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Letters have been sent out with your child's sQuid registration details, please ensure that they are registered before September.



### **Snack Money**



Snack money of £2 for the Infants will be due at the beginning of the Autumn Term.



### **Diary Dates for the Summer Term**



July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Trip to Danbury  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Family Learning (Maths) 1-3pm @ Drapers' Maylands  
July 12<sup>th</sup> KS1 & KS2 Spelling Bee @ Drapers' Academy  
July 17<sup>th</sup> Open Day  
July 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Graduation - 1.15 - 3.00 pm  
July 18<sup>th</sup> Friends of Drapers' Prom - 5.00 – 7.00 pm  
July 20<sup>th</sup> **School closes for summer**



**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**



**In anticipation of a well-earned break for staff and children alike, we would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming many of you back in September.**

