



**THE WHITEOAK ACADEMIES,  
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*"Planting Dreams. Nurturing Hearts. Growing Minds."*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of the Whiteoak Academies,

I hope that the children have enjoyed their first full week back at school. It has been lovely to see their smiley faces in the mornings and to see them looking so smart. Long may it continue!

I would especially like to take this opportunity to give the warmest of welcomes to all of the new members of our school family. Our Reception classes have enjoyed their first few days of school and have settled so well. It has been lovely to visit the classrooms and see them exploring their new learning environments, resources and toys.

As well as our lovely new Reception classes, we welcome a number of new children across our school. We also welcome Ms Henry, Mrs Sevier and Miss Wring to our staff team. I am sure you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to everyone joining our family of schools. We hope that they all have a happy and rewarding time here with us at the Whiteoak Academies and we very much look forward to learning and working together.

Huge congratulations must also go to Miss Lamb who had a baby girl, Sofia Alice, at the start of the Summer holidays. Both mum and baby are doing incredibly well and we look forward to welcoming them in to school soon.



The start of a new school year is always exciting and as part of our first assemblies together, I took the opportunity to talk about our behaviour curriculum and expectations and our value of the term: **Friendship**. Our vision, values and aims really are central to our work and play and reflect our hopes, dreams and aspirations for all of our children. Indeed, we have talked lots about being the politest school in the world, where good friends support and encourage each other so that everyone can feel happy, important, connected and successful.

Year 1 also enjoyed a visit from the Little Red Hen!

Next week, sees the start of our parents welcome meetings and I have included some key dates for the year ahead below with a few parent events in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you as always for your wonderful support.

With very best wishes,

Mr Duncan Cook  
Executive Headteacher



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### **Term 1 - Friendship**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 (Otters) & Year 3 (Elm) Forest School begins

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Nailsea Bike Show

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Nailsea Bike Show

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Funky Fingers Workshop, 1pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 and Year 4 Welcome Meetings, 2.45pm (in classrooms)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 5 Welcome Meeting, 2.45pm (In classroom)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Reception Parents – Coffee with the WOWSA Team at Holy Trinity Church Café.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 3 Welcome Meeting, 2.45pm (In classroom)

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – WOWSA Community Litter pick.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Year 2 & Year 6 Welcome Meetings, 2.45pm (In classrooms)

October – Black History Month

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – WOWSA Meeting – Open to all parents.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – WOWSA Rags2Riches Collection

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Residential

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of Term 1 for children

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – INSET

### **Term 2 - Courage**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Start of Term 2 for everyone

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Informal Open Morning, 8.45am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 2 (Hedgehogs) & Year 3 (Juniper) Forest School begins

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – School Photographs

w/b Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Nurturing Hearts Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – LSP Trust INSET (Staff Only)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 4 to visit the Roman Baths

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term 2 for everyone

### **Term 3 – British Values**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term 3 for everyone

More dates and times to follow.

