



A message from Mrs Bell, Headteacher

We have now completed our first full week back, and what a busy and positive start it has been! It has been wonderful to see the children settling so quickly into their new classes, routines and learning. This week, our Year 5 children have enjoyed the start of their swimming lessons, our Year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability sessions and developing important road safety skills and Year 4 and Year 5 have started weekly cricket sessions with Lancashire Cricket coaches.

We have also been pleased to welcome our Reception children as they begin their first full week at school. They have been attending full-time since Thursday and have settled in really well. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing as they get to know their new friends, teachers and routines.

The school has been full of energy, enthusiasm and smiling faces, and I am incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Working together helps us ensure that every child has the very best start to the school year.

School Attendance

Our whole school attendance is 96.43%. It is great that we have met our target of 96% in the first week. I truly hope that we can keep attendance above our target this year. Unfortunately, last year we only ended the year on 94.7%, falling short of our 96% target.

Classes	Percentage
RCK Chicks	99.57
Y5NM Meerkat	98.92
Y6VH Huskies	98.92
Y4AW Wolves	98.81
Y6CH Hoopoes	98.62
Y3CE Elephants	97.62
Y5CE Ermines	97.49
RAH Ducklings	97.35
Y1IL Lions	96.22
Y4LN Narwhals	94.81
Y2US Swans	93.7
Y1LC Canaries	93.65
Y3EP Penguins	93.1
Y2JC Cranes	91.85

Punctuality

Lessons start promptly at 8.50am. It is really important that the children are here and ready to learn at that time.

However, we still have children arriving late, which disrupts their first lesson.

Y5 Ermine Class and Y6 Hoopoe Class only had 1 late throughout the week. Other classes had more lates, some as high as 9.

Please ensure that your children are in school before 8.50am.



Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club runs every morning from **8:00am**.

For just **£3 per child per session**, your child will receive a breakfast snack and a drink.

Please ensure children are:

- Brought in by an adult
- Handed over to a member of staff

Reminder: Adults should not use the staff car park when dropping off children.

Please note that we do not have an after-school care club facility.

Nut Allergies in School



We have children in school with severe nut allergies and therefore aim to be as nut-free as possible.

We ask all parents and carers not to send nuts into school, including in packed lunches.

Unfortunately, a small number of children have recently brought packets of nuts into school. Even accidental contact can cause a serious allergic reaction for some pupils. We therefore ask all families to check lunchbox contents carefully and support us in keeping all children safe.

Swimming

Y4 children will be taking part in swimming lessons in the school pool next week.

They need:

GIRLS

- A one-piece swimming costume
- A swimming hat

BOYS

- Swimming trunks or shorts.

ALL CHILDREN

- Towel
- Dressing gown
- Flip flops/crocs



Week beginning 14 th September	Year 4
Week beginning 21 st September	Year 3
Week beginning 28 th September	Year 6

Swimming Sessions at Wavelengths Pool

All classes from Year 3 to Year 6 will have at least two sessions at Pendle Wavelengths this school year. You will be informed in advance of the dates.

The first class to take part will be **Year 5 Mrs Edwards' Ermine Class** and they will attend on Thursday 17th September and Thursday 24th September.

These sessions will provide children with the opportunity to swim in a larger, deeper pool and, importantly, learn about water safety and how to help themselves if they find themselves in difficulty in the water. These are vital life skills which we want all of our children to develop.



Road Safety

The safety of everyone in our school community should be a concern for us all. Unfortunately, there have been several occasions this week when Reedley Road has become heavily congested because vehicles have been parked in ways that have prevented other traffic from passing. We have also continued to see drivers stopping on yellow lines when dropping off or collecting children. Please remember that drivers must not stop on the zigzag markings or on any yellow lines to drop off or pick up from school.

These restrictions are in place to help keep children safe and ensure that drivers have a clear view of the road and pavement when children are arriving at and leaving school. I would be grateful if all parents, carers and visitors could help by parking considerately and following the road markings so that we can keep our children, families and local residents safe.



Meet The Teacher

Thank you to those parents/carers who have been able to attend the Meet the Teacher Sessions. These are the remaining sessions.

Please note that Y3 Elephants, Y3 Penguins and Y6 Huskies have changed from the time originally advertised.

Tuesday 15 th September	9.00am - 9.30am	Y5 Meerkat Class – Mrs Mahmood
Tuesday 15 th September	9.30am – 10.00am	Y5 Ermine Class – Mrs Edwards and Mrs Akbar
Tuesday 15 th September	2.45pm – 3.15pm	Y3 Elephant Class - Mrs Evans
Wednesday 16 th September	9.00am - 9.30am	Y3 Penguin Class – Miss Phillips
Thursday 17 th September	9.00am - 9.30am	Y6 Hoopoe Class – Mrs Hardman
Thursday 17 th September	9.30am – 10.00am	Y6 Husky Class - Mrs Hornby

Parent Governor Election

There are two parent governor positions on the Governing Board. One position is currently held by Mr K Baig and a vacancy has arisen following the expiry of Mrs S Zesmin's term of office.

Ballot papers for the Parent Governor election have been sent home today. Each eligible parent or carer should read the candidate information carefully and cast their vote using the ballot paper provided. Once completed, please place your it in the envelope provided and seal it before returning it to school. They can be given to office staff or sent in with children. Teachers will ask children every day if there are any envelopes to hand in.

All ballot papers must be returned by **11:00am on Monday 21st September**.

Votes will be counted at 4:00pm on Monday 21st September, and the result will be communicated shortly afterwards.



Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct

As we begin a new school year, this is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining the positive relationships that make our school community so welcoming and supportive. We ask all parents, carers and visitors to treat pupils, staff and one another with courtesy and respect at all times.

If concerns arise involving another child, please do not approach or challenge the child directly; instead, contact the school so that we can investigate and resolve the matter appropriately. Our full Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct is available on the school website.

Bikeability

We have been so very proud of the Year 6 children who have taken part in Bikeability. The instructors have been incredibly impressed with the way the children have listened and taken on board the learning. Many of these children could not ride a bike when they started and have been really successful in doing so, demonstrating our Reedley Values!

Coach Adam, who specifically requests coming to Reedley each year, said he is very impressed with the manners and attitude of our children.



Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday 21 st September	Y5 trip to Clitheroe Castle
Monday 7 th September to Wednesday 16 th September	Y6 Bikeability sessions
Thursday 10 th September	Reception children will be full time from today
Friday 11 th September	Y2 Local area walk

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Sarah Bell
Headteacher



Attendance Matters

A great education starts with great attendance. Every lesson counts and being in school every day helps children make the most of every opportunity.

- ◆ Please notify the school office before 8.50am if your child is absent.
- ◆ Tell us the specific reason for the absence so that we can meet our safeguarding responsibilities.
- ◆ You can phone, message on School Spider or notify us on Studybugs.
- ◆ Arrive on time every day. Even being a few minutes late can add up to lost learning over the year.
- ◆ Holidays during term time are not normally authorised and can have a significant impact on children's progress.

Thank you for your support in helping our children to attend, achieve and thrive.

If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you are ever worried, unhappy or need clarification about a situation, please follow this order of contact via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
 - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – **Miss Hume**
 - Years 3 & 4 – **Mrs Watson**
 - Years 5 & 6 – **Mrs Hornby**

Other staff members are available to help; however, your child's class teacher and Phase Leader will know them best and should usually be your first point of contact.

- **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Hume
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Gorrell
- **Headteacher** – Mrs Bell

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.