# THE GRAPEVINE

THONGSLEY FIELDS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

### A NEW ADVENTURE BEGINS!

BY MR JONES, HEADTEACHER

A very Happy New (school) Year to everyone! It has been great to welcome everyone back over the past couple of weeks - classrooms look amazing and there has been a fantastic buzz throughout. A special welcome to everyone who has joined us for the first time this term!

Parent Consultations and drop-in sessions will be coming up very soon so please look out for more details and keep a close eye on our key dates.

Our website is currently being updated with all the latest information about what our children learn (our curriculum) and expectations for each year group. Please do have a look and do not hesitate to ask class teachers if there is anything you're unsure about or you can't find something that would help.

Thank you for making sure that everyone has looked spectacular in their uniform this year. Our school photographers will be with us again on Tuesday 1st October so if there are any uniform items you haven't yet ordered, please contact the school office ASAP. More details about photos will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!



## **TERM DATES**

After School Clubs Begin	16/9
Y5/6 Parent Welcome Meeting	gs <b>24/9</b>
School Photo Day	1/10
Y5/6 Duxford Trip	3/10
Parent Consultations	16/10 & 17/10
Flu Vaccinations	21/10
Harvest Celebration	23/10
Half Term Holiday	28/10 - 1/11
Parent Drop-In & Bookshop	7/11
Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip	13/11 - 15/11

More details and other diary dates will be available soon.



## THONGSLEY FIELDS

Welcome back to our existing families and a very warm welcome to all of our **new pupils and families** in Little Acorns, Ash, Aspen and across the school! Even our Guinea Pigs enjoy a good story



## Big ideas have small beginnings.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### FROM TEAM THONGSLEY

#### **NEW YEAR REMINDERS!**

We always endeavour to return lost belongings directly to your child, but we need your help! Please remember to name all your child's belongings. We already have a collection of unnamed lost property - name it or lose it!

#### THE BOOKWORM: AUTHOR VISIT EDITION

We are looking forward to welcoming more authors into school this term with lots of in-person and virtual visits planned. The latest edition of our reading focused newsletter, The Bookworm, is available to **download here**.

#### **BOOKS FOR BIRTHDAYS**

As a health, eco and reading promoting school, we try to minimise sweets and litter being dropped in or near school. Instead, of spending loads of money on bags of sweets to celebrate birthdays with classmates, why not do as a lot of our children have done over the last couple of years and donate a book to their class instead. We add a special label to record when they were donated and who by.

Sweets last five seconds (if that!) but a book lasts years and can be enjoyed by hundreds!

#### SPORTS, SWIMMING & FOREST SCHOOL

Make sure you know what your child is learning this term and when they have PE, Forest School or swimming lessons by checking the class pages of our website, posts on ClassDojo/Tapestry and class notice boards when picking up and dropping off.

#### **OUTDOOR SHOES**

All children need a pair of wellies or strong outdoor shoes to use on the field or other grassed areas at break and lunch times.