



# September



Dear Parents, children and families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely well earned break. We have been so excited to have you all back. It's been so long! A big welcome to any pupils, families and staff who are new to GB too! Covid-19 is still very much a concern, so this school year will start a little different to normal. You will have received full details about the bubble system, and which entrances and exits need to be used, a reminder of which is overleaf! Hopefully it's really clear but if you have any questions, please ask! The usual 'start of term' reminders are below too!

## WELCOME BACK!

### Start of term reminders...

- **Attendance and lateness:** It is vital for your child to attend school every day and to arrive on time. It is a well-known fact that children with high attendance records have a greater chance of becoming successful learners. If your child is ill, it is important that you inform the school immediately.
- **P.E. Kits:** Please take note of what days your child will be having P.E. They will need to have suitable clothing: - a light T-shirt, shorts or leggings and a pair of trainers for outdoor activities or plimsolls for gymnastics/indoor activities. **PE kits will now need to come home weekly to be washed.**
- **Uniform:** All children are expected to wear school uniform - black/grey trousers or skirt, green jumper or cardigan, white shirt or polo and black shoes. All head coverings should be plain green, white or black only.
- **Social Media:** We use twitter, facebook and our website regularly throughout the school year to share news and photos and other key information. Please check it regularly to stay up to date :-)

## GOODBYE & GOODLUCK

It's that time of year where we have to say a few goodbyes.

After many years teaching at George Betts, **Mrs Mehat** made the decision to retire.

We've also said goodbye to **Mrs Blake** who has left to continue her career elsewhere.

We wish both of them all the very best!

### Important information for our Nursery parents:

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 to 31 August 2017, you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2021.

Online applications will go live on Monday 14th September. Please visit:

[www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **15th January**.

### Important information for new Year 6 parents..

You need to apply for a secondary (Year 7) school place for your child for September 2021.

To register, please visit:

[www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **31st October**.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Drop off Time (start of day)</b>	<b>Drop off location (start of day)</b>	<b>Pick up time (end of day)</b>	<b>Pick Up Location (end of day)</b>
Nursery	8.30 - 9.00am	Early years playground	11.30am	Side door by the school office, at the front of the school building.
Reception <i>(Squirrels &amp; Raccoons)</i>		Early Years playground	3.00 - 3.15pm	Early years playground
Year 1 <i>(Jaguars)</i>		Jaguars' class side door (front carpark)	3.00 - 3.15pm	Jaguars' class side door (front carpark)
Year 1 <i>(Butterflies)</i>		Year 1 gate (front carpark)	3.00 - 3.15pm	Year 1 gate (front carpark)
Year 2 <i>(Giraffes &amp; Tigers)</i>		Year 2 exit (through the side gate in the playground)	3.00 - 3.15pm	Year 2 exit (through the side gate in the playground)
Year 3 <i>(Cheetahs &amp; Snakes)</i>		Year 3 door (at the front of the school by the school office)	3.15 - 3.30pm	Year 3 door (at the front of the school by the school office)
Year 4 <i>(Dolphins &amp; Lions)</i>		Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground) <i>*Please encourage your child to walk round to their entrance on their own. Staff will be on hand to help them know where to go*</i>	3.15 - 3.30pm	Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground)
Year 5 <i>(Parrots &amp; Hedgehogs)</i>		Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground) <i>*Please encourage your child to walk round to their entrance on their own. Staff will be on hand to help them know where to go*</i>	3.15 - 3.30pm	Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground)
Year 6 <i>(Robins &amp; Bears)</i>		Year 6 side door (through the side gate of the playground) <i>*Please encourage your child to walk round to their entrance on their own. Staff will be on hand to help them know where to go*</i>	3.15 - 3.30pm	Reading Garden - Top of the playground