



10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Secondary Welcome Evening**

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

7.00pm - 9.00pm

**Primary Welcome Evening**

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**HALF TERM - No School**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SPRING TERM**

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**SPRING HALF TERM - No School**

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL**

Welcome to the start of the 2021/2022 academic year. New beginnings and fresh starts.

For most it will mean a new class and different teacher. For some it will be a new school. For all it will present opportunities, challenges, sometimes struggles and hopefully pride through achievements, however big or small.

We are delighted that this year we are able to welcome parents onsite again. It has been difficult to communicate all the school developments to parents and carers when it has not been possible to see these in practice.

There will be opportunities across both schools for you to get involved with The Link community this year - be it joining the Parents' Future Group, attending one of the regular parent workshops and coffee mornings or helping The Link Association to fundraise - all of which are alongside the more formal opportunities.

Our first invitation is to come along to our **Parent Welcome Evenings**. These are intended for parents and carers of **all** children and young people, not just for families that are new to The Link.

Please come along and meet your child's class or form tutor and other members of the professional team who will be working with your child or young person.

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Our Parent Futures group, which is an opportunity for parent and carers who want to be more involved in school development, will also start up again this term.

Our weekly newsletter will keep you up-to-date with what is happening in and around the school and will give you a small snapshot of what has been happening at The Link.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL?

We are extremely pleased to welcome the following pupils to the primary school:

### Acorn

Oliver / Rory / Adam / Leanne  
Harrison / Julio

### Pine

Jack

### Maple

James / Marigold / George

### Hazel

Derya / Mercedes / McKyla

### Willow

Madhav

### Beech

Malcolm

We are also very pleased to welcome some new members of our staff to our team:

Anne Osagiobare - SSA Pine Class

Kelly Bills - SSA Pine Class

Tanya Aleksova - SSA Acorn Class

Sue Cully - SSA Pine Class

Maulika Patel - SSA Pine Class

Shannon O'Brien - Midday  
Supervisor

Maudlyn Riviere - Midday  
Supervisor

Our first full week is over and we're pleased to advise that everyone has settled into the school well. They are getting to know each other and enjoying our 'linked curriculum' which spans all cognitive cohorts, making learning accessible and fun.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL?

The secondary school are delighted to welcome the following new staff:

James Blanshard  
(our new PE teacher)

Nana Agyeman  
who will be sharing duties with  
Jasmine in Yates Class

### SSAs

Angela Johnson  
Varshni Jayakumar  
Tayub Razzak  
Carl Newton  
Sherina Skinner  
Nicola Wythe  
Stuart Smith  
Lucy Alton  
Matthew Edwards  
Alexa Robertson

We also congratulate Susanne French, who will be working as an assistant to the occupational therapy team from September. We know she will be an amazing support to the team.

Our welcome evening will give you all wonderful opportunity to meet the teams. It will also be an opportunity to come and find out about our exciting plans for the academic year.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

The Diamond Riding Centre are holding their Autumn Fair on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September - 11.00am - 4.00pm. With steam train rides, lots of entertainment for the children and a chance to see a Diamond Horse Display, it promises to be a wonderful family day out. Located on Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, SM5 4DT, admission costs £4 per adults and £1 for children.

Downs Syndrome OK are holding an Education Training Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Trinity Centre, Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Walling, SM6 8BL. Speakers are Karen Garner from The Sensory Smart Child, who provide OT services to schools and Leela Baksi, a speech therapist for specialist Down Syndrome S&LT. Starting at 9.15am until 4.00pm, the cost for the day is £20 for parents and carers and £30 for professionals. If you would like a booking form, speak to the school offices.

## AND FINALLY .....

Remember - it's not what is poured into a student, it's what is planted that counts.