



Armley Park Primary School

8 September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

It is great to see all the children back in school after the summer break and to meet our new families. The children have had a very settled start to the new school year and have all been working really hard in their new classes. We are super proud of all of them!

Our new playground equipment has been a massive hit and the children are loving using it each day. Please remember – if you are on the school grounds before 8.40, it is your responsibility to supervise your children if they are on the climbing frame, staff will not always be available to monitor what is happening. I am sure some of you may be keen to have a go but please remember that the equipment is for the children so adults should not be using it.

The children are all looking very smart in their school uniform and we hope that they will continue to wear the correct clothes each day. Please help the staff by writing their name inside clothes (especially jumpers and cardigans). Staff will always try and help children find their lost clothes but it's very hard if they do not have names in them as they all look very similar. Reminder – children should not be wearing jewellery to school apart from small stud earrings and a watch if they can tell the time. Smart watches are not allowed in school.

Meet the Teacher events:

We would like to invite you in to come and meet your child's teacher and find out what they will be learning this year. We have arranged Meet the Teacher events for all classes on the following dates:

Nursery (Mrs Wallace)	Monday 11 th September
Reception (Miss Jackson)	Tuesday 12 th September
Year 1 (Miss Benson)	Wednesday 13 th September
Year 2 (Mrs Nessa)	Friday 15 th September
Year 3 (Miss Smith)	Monday 18 th September
Year 4 (Mr Firmedow)	Tuesday 19 th September
Year 5 (Mr Cliff)	Wednesday 20 th September
Year 6 (Miss Wright and Mr Kinnes)	Thursday 21 st September

All of the meetings start at 2:45 and will finish by 3:15 to allow you to collect your children as normal. If you cannot make the meetings, we will upload the information to the Class Pages on the school website afterwards.

Attendance:

We will be closely monitoring all children's attendance at school this half-term and we hope to see everyone in school every day. If we have concerns that your child is not coming to school enough, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss and to try and make plans for improvements.

Times of the day:

We have made some small changes to the start and end of the day.

8.30 – gates open, families can start to come into school and wait on the playground.

8.40 – children line up and meet their class teacher who will bring them into school.

3.15 – home time. Staff will open the gates a few minutes before.

Water bottles:

We encourage the children to drink throughout the day so please make sure they have a water bottle with them. We prefer children to drink water at school but we do allow them to bring diluted sugar free squash/cordial or flavoured water. We do not allow energy drinks or other high sugar drinks so if children bring these in, we will put them away and give them some water and then send these home at the end of the day.

If you have any questions, please either come and see me before or after school or if you would prefer to meet with me, please contact the office to make arrangements.

Thank you,



Emily Caine
Headteacher