



19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we sent home class newsletters and medium-term overviews of what the children will be learning throughout this term. A copy of these will also be available on the website for your reference and key dates will be added to the school calendar.

Last Thursday 11th January Mrs Du Plessis, our Maths lead in school, held another well attended parent session. This time she was outlining how we teach addition and subtraction in key stage 1, following on from her place value session in the Autumn term. Thank you to Mrs Du Plessis for delivering such an informative and engaging session and to all the parents that came along. For those that were unable to attend, the slides are on the parent workshop page of our website for you to access.

[How we teach maths in KS1 - Addition and subtraction](#)

The application period is now open for our **Nursery** for children to start in September 2024. Please do let friends and neighbours know if they have children who will be eligible to attend. Admission in September 2024 will be for any children who will turn 4 in the period from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025. We offer both 15 hour places and 30 hour places in the Nursery. If you would like to come and visit then please find information of visit dates and the application form on our website under 'Admissions'. If you have any further queries please do call the school office.

I am sure you will have all noticed on the gates each morning that we have a new Site Manager. Helen Maher started with us last week and has lots of years of experience in this role. We are very pleased to welcome her to the team at Camp and know you will also make her feel welcome.

Dates

This term the half-term break will be from **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February**. This is slightly later than half term usually is in February.

We then finish for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 27th March at 1.30pm. Thursday 28th March is an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils that day. The summer term starts on Monday 15th April.

I also wanted to confirm the summer holiday period for this year as I know some families will be starting to plan their holidays. We finish school for this academic year on Friday 19th July at 1.30pm. Children will come back to school for the next academic year on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**. Monday 2nd September will be an INSET day.

Attendance will continue to be a key focus in the term ahead. Regular punctual attendance really supports the children to feel settled and ready for their learning. No holiday outside of term time can be authorised. Please remember that school now starts at 8:45am and children should be in the classroom at that time.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Thankfully it is forecast to be a little warmer over the next few days.

Sharon Barton
Head Teacher