



10 September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

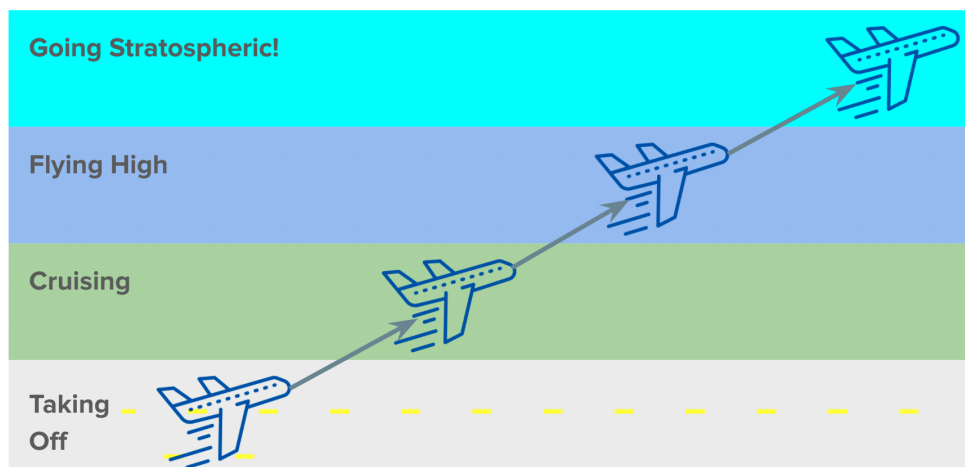
It has been a fantastic first week back at school. It has been lovely to have the children back in the school, especially under reduced restrictions, and to see them playing and learning together.

Dreaming + Doing = Going Stratospheric

This week I held individual year group assemblies about our aims for the new academic year. In short we explained to the children that they need a positive attitude to their learning to achieve their best. To achieve this attitude they need to 'dream' (setting goals for their time at school and into adult life) and they need to 'do' (push themselves to work hard to the best of their ability, pushing themselves from their comfort zone into their challenge zone, where learning happens). If they do this they will 'Fly high' and achieve well. This year however, we want them to push themselves that bit harder e.g. finish their writing and then edit it to improve it, ask their teacher for a harder maths question, do five more minutes reading at home every day. If they do this they will be flying so high they will be 'Going Stratospheric'!

Hopefully, now if your child says they are dreaming, doing, flying high or going stratospheric, you will know what they are talking about!

LEARNING TO FLY



Assemblies

One of the few restrictions we still have in place is we are not holding a whole school assembly, this is because it is a squeeze to get all the children and staff into the hall. We felt it was prudent at this time to hold phase celebration assemblies so we can spread out more and, as a result, safely invite parents/carers to attend. If you are invited, because your child is a high flyer, the Upper Phase Celebration Assembly (Years 4-6) is on Friday at 9am and Lower Phase (Years 1-3) follows at 9:30am. Parents, or family, must only attend (2 adults per child) if invited and we ask that you wear a mask in the hall. Lower Phase parents are welcome to sit in the Upper Phase assembly after drop off, or you may return to site for 9:30am.

PE Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing the correct PE uniform this term. The classes have looked so smart in class and in their PE lessons, which has a positive impact on their learning mindset.

Seesaw

All Seesaw logins were sent out at the end of last term. It is very important that all families can access their Seesaw account as this is where all homework is set and where teachers send messages. You may also contact your child's class teacher directly via Seesaw - they will try to respond within 24 hrs, please be understanding if it sometimes takes longer and contact the office if it is a more urgent matter. Please see your child's class teacher if you need any assistance in accessing Seesaw.

Friday finish time

You will have seen from my previous letter that we have decided to continue our Friday finish times as they were for the past academic year. This change has had a positive impact on pupils' learning across the week, continuity, belonging, wellbeing and enhanced learning behaviours. The new timetable ensures the class teacher and teaching team are with their class all week, bar Friday afternoons (for most classes). This has a positive impact on learning behaviour and optimises the use of learning time.

We have been very mindful to ensure a provision is available until 3:10/15pm for those families who want or need it. This additional provision allows pupils to complete or improve work from their lessons, practice key skills such as times tables and spellings and read independently. All with the support of a member of staff present. As the year progresses we hope to add further extracurricular clubs. A child can be added to Homework Club registers at any point via the office, but they must be booked in for a term, not ad hoc weeks.

Here are the school day timings as a reminder:

School start and finish times

Year Group(s)	Drop off time/window	Collection time (Mon - Thur)	Collection time (Friday)	Collection time (Friday Extended Provision)
Nursery*	8:30am	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm
Reception	8:50am	3:00pm	2:00pm	3:00pm
Years 1-3	8:45 - 8:55am	3:10pm	2:10pm	3:10pm
Years 4-6	8:45 - 8:55am	3:15pm	2:15pm	3:15pm

**Nursery times given are for full-time pupils, they vary for part-time pupils. Contact the office if unsure.*

Parking

Thank you for not using Harriers View for parking, it makes it so much safer and pleasurable for our pupils to walk on and off the site without cars passing closely by. Can we please make a request, however, that cars do not drop off on the yellow chevrons on the Bloxham Rd, this is illegal as it is so close to a junction. Thank you to everyone who continues to park sensibly or walking into school, it is appreciated by the whole school and local community.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Alex Pearson
Executive Principal