



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1
Friday 6th September 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We were delighted to welcome all our Papillon pupils back to school this week after the summer break and hope all our families had an enjoyable few weeks. Everybody settled back in really well and adapted to the changes to classes positively. We have welcomed 3 new pupils this week to Caterpillar Class, Jaxson, Logan and Shelbie, and it has been a pleasure spending some time with them in class. We also welcomed Aidan and William into other classes and they have both adjusted to life at Papillon very confidently. We have a number of new staff who have joined us this year in both our education and therapy departments. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new pupils and staff and wish them an extremely happy and successful journey at Papillon.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class— have enjoyed being back at school and it has been great seeing our lovely class after the holidays and welcoming our new children. The children have been amazing and have had a lovely couple of days. They have enjoyed exploring the outdoor area, even in the rain! They enjoyed an attention circle and asked for “more bucket”. We look forward to welcoming the other children on Monday.

Meadow Class —have settled in very well. They have welcomed their new friend Aidan and have had some lovely interactions with him. Children have had a really good couple of days and enjoyed looking at pictures of their summer, mixing colours as part of our termly topic activities and meeting Charlene, their new PE teacher!

Peacock Class — loved seeing all the Peacock children back at school this week. They all came back very happy. We have had a nice relaxing return. We had a lesson with the children to introduce Bonnie (Class Teacher) and for the children to introduce themselves to her. They were very good at making mind maps and talking about themselves. The children have coped very well with all the changes in the classroom and around the school.



Welcoming our new children to Caterpillar Class



School Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind all parents/guardians that pupils must be in school uniform at all times. This includes:

- Pale blue polo top (with or without the Papillon logo)
- Black or grey school trousers/skirt (if your child is unable to tolerate school trousers they can wear black or grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings following agreement with school)
- Navy blue sweatshirt or fleece (ideally with the school logo)
- Navy school coat (with the school logo). If your child does not have a school coat, please provide a plain navy blue coat.
- Black school shoes (if your child is unable to tolerate school shoes they can wear **plain black trainers**)

The main reason for pupils wearing outer garments with the school logo is to help identify pupils and staff as a group when accessing the community, therefore this is the school's preference. However, we are conscious that these items can be more costly therefore if you should wish to purchase your own, please ensure they are school colours.

PE kits must be available in school for all pupils and include:

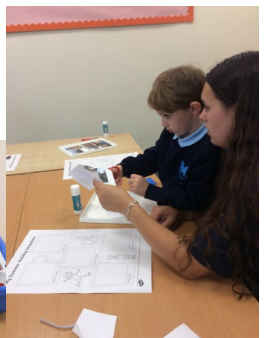
- White t-shirt
- Black/grey/navy PE shorts (your child may also bring tracksuit bottoms for colder weather)
- Black plimsols (Primary pupils), trainers (Secondary pupils)

Children should also have a pair of welly boots in school for the wet weather and some off-site visits.

Activities such as horse riding can only be accessed if your child has welly boots and spare tracksuit bottoms in school.

If you would like to order any Papillon uniform please contact Jennie in the office.

Thank you.



Cutting and craft activities in Meadow Class

Class Topics

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(A full overview of this half term topics will be in next week's newsletter.)

Caterpillar Class – All About Me

Meadow Class – Colours

Peacock Class – Healthy Living

Swallowtail Class – All About Me

Monarch Class – Making Music

Admiral Class – Hello! Let Me Introduce Myself

Emperor Class – Developing Independence and Safety in the Community

Secondary Department News

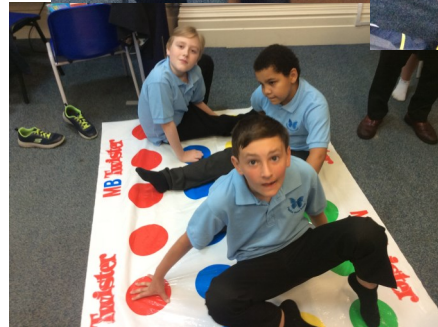
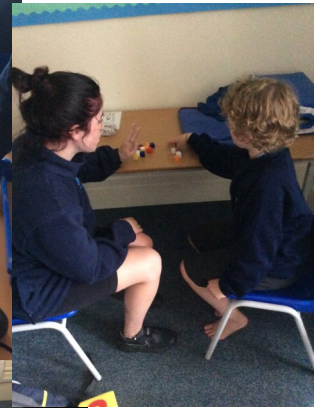
Swallowtail Class - have had a great few days talking about their summer holidays and welcoming our new member of the class, William. They enjoyed a soft play session together and some learning about our topic of 'All About Me'.

Monarch Class – have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week! Monarch Class have been getting to know each other, playing some turn-taking games and playing some fun maths activities. Today, we did some lovely writing, thinking about things we like, and what we are good at.

Admiral Class - have all returned after their relaxing break and it has been great having everyone back. Admiral Class shared lots of stories about some of the amazing activities that they have engaged in over their summer. The pupils have settled back into school life and are looking forward to this term.

Emperor Class - have had a great first two days back at school. They've all settled in very well and it has been lovely hearing their summer news and getting to know them. They've all enjoyed their first PE lesson with Charlene and their first gardening session of the term. Looking forward to our first full week next week!

Photo Gallery



Enjoying our first week back in Swallowtail Class



Enjoying PE in the hall



Therapy

The therapy team would like to welcome three new staff members, Catherine Hauvette, Occupational Therapist (OT), Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT) and Clara Boxall, Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA).

All parents should now have received an email from the therapy team stating their child's Occupational Therapist and Speech and Language Therapist and details of how to contact them if needed. If you have not yet received this email, please call the school number or write it in the blue home/school book so we can let you know.

The therapy team look forward to working with the children and young people across the school to continue to help them to develop vital skills over the upcoming year.

Important Dates

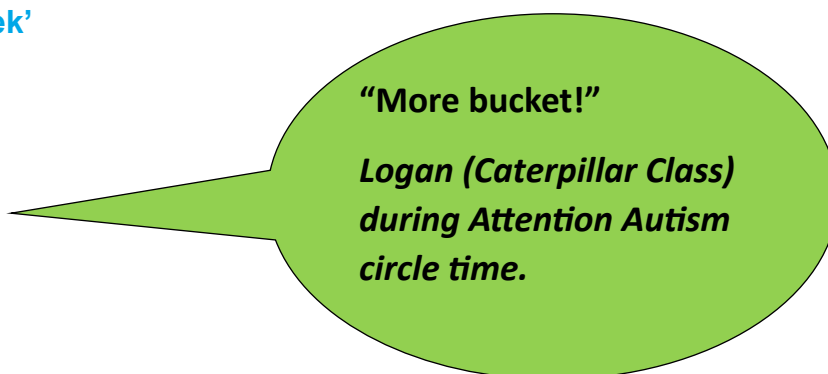
Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over this Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

Next week's assembly theme is the PSHE Jigsaw topic 'Being Me In My World.'

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	7 th October	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	18th October	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	4th November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



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