

Welcome to Acorn Class,

*Message from Mr Johnston:*

*I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to starting school. I can't wait to see you all next week. We will be spending lots of time getting to know each other, learning about our new routines and finding out about all the new things in Acorn class. There will be lots of talking, moving, painting, making, playing, reading and - hopefully - giggling.*

*Monday and Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) next week will be your small group session days and you will arrive in school for your designated time slot. Then, on Wednesday, you will arrive in school from 8.40 in the morning to start at 8.50.*

*To get you warmed up for school, here's a little game you can play at home over the weekend with you family. It will help with an important maths skill called 'spatial reasoning'.*

*Firstly, find a large tray and ten distinct objects. Arrange the objects on the tray in rows and columns and cover with a tea towel. I wonder how many objects you can remember? Can you draw or list them from memory? Now, to play the game, remove the tea towel and have another good look at the objects. Take turns to close your eyes whilst the other partner either removes one of the objects or, as a variation, swaps the position of two objects. See if the 'close-your-eyes partner' can identify which object is missing or which two have been swapped. See if you can find a way of keeping score. Who will be the spatial-reasoning champion in your house!?*



Mrs Bayley will also be teaching you in Acorn Class. Here she is:



Miss Ranaldi will be teaching you too and her first day is the same as yours!

From Wednesday onwards, you need to arrive at school **between 8:40am and 8:50am**, so that our lessons can start at 8:50.

You will come into school through the front gate.



Then your teacher will meet you at the side gate.



This is the Reception classroom door.



Here is our classroom.



Here is our outside space.



And this is our covered courtyard.



When you arrive at school, you will need to hang up your coat and bag on your peg and wash your hands.

Please only bring (when needed):

\*coat

\*bookbag or drawstring bag

\*packed lunch (if you are having one)

\*healthy snack

\*water bottle

\*PE bag (please bring at the start of the week, it will come home on a Friday)

Over the first few weeks, we will start to explore all of the exciting places around our school site.

Here is our fantastic library, which we will visit to look at the books.



The Forest School area has lots to explore!



I am looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Mr Johnston