

May 2021

Welcome to Arbury Primary School. We are really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your child. This is a very exciting time!

Here are the dates and times for starting school.

**Week 1 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Group 1 – 9.30am to 11.30am

Group 2 – 1.15pm to 3.15pm

We will split the classes into 2 groups of 15 for the first two days of school (we will let you know about classes and groupings in July). These shorter sessions will help children to settle in and get to know their new adults and the learning spaces. Please arrive at the side gate to school, at the end of Roland Close (off Brimley Road). You will be met in the playground by senior staff and class teachers, who will walk you round to the Early Years area. You will have lots of time to chat with us and ask any questions you have. You are welcome to stay with your child for the first 15 minutes, to ensure they are settled, and then let them know you are going, and leave. You will then return again to the side gate when it is time to collect.

We understand that some parents will need a full time place from the first day of term due to other commitments. If this is the case, please don't let this be a source of worry for you, just let us know so we can plan ahead.

**Week 2 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September (mornings only)**

Children will be at school for the whole morning, including having lunch together. They may bring a packed lunch from home, or have a free school dinner.

**Week 3 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September onwards**

All children in school, full time.

**Website**

We use the school website as our main way of communicating and sharing information with you. There is a special section called 'Starting Reception In September 2021'.

([https://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk/website/starting\\_reception\\_in\\_september\\_2021/492861](https://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk/website/starting_reception_in_september_2021/492861))

In this section you will find a special story about starting at Arbury School, some useful videos of the classrooms and outdoor areas, and some lovely videos of the staff reading stories and rhymes. There are also some Frequently Asked Questions. We will continue to update this section – please do return often. We have another area called News and Events which acts as a little photo gallery – you might like to browse through there with your child and look for some of the activities the children in Class 1 and 2 are getting up to at the moment (you might especially like to look at the forest area pictures!)

**Welcome meeting**

We would like to invite you to join us at a virtual welcome meeting which will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June (5.00-6.00pm) via zoom.

We are really looking forward to meeting you all. In the meantime if you have any questions, do feel free to mail Mrs Whiting (Assistant Head) at [kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)

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