



15 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Start to the new term

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome your child back into school! It is fantastic to see children's smiley faces, positive attitudes and classrooms alive and buzzing again! Once again, I am delighted with how they have returned to school - a big well done to all of them from the staff!

An important issue I need to remind parents about is the start to the school day. School officially starts at **8.45am**. We close the gates shortly after this. We have had quite a number of children arriving after this time. Please ensure your child is on time for school. Thank you.

### A message from Brindley Tenants and Residents Association (TARA)

A collective of local parents, the Brindley TARA and other invested residents are working towards making the Brindley Field:

- an improved community space
- a naturalistic play space
- an outdoor classroom for school children and pre-schoolers
- a place for community gatherings
- a site of improved biodiversity

The first move towards this is to hold a community bulb plant in October to create a spring meadow for people to enjoy and for emerging pollinators in early Spring. To raise funds for the bulbs, we are holding a '**CAKE FEST**' on **Sat 23rd Sept** from **10am to midday**. We are hoping that people will come along to buy some delicious cakes and we will also be very grateful for any donations of buns or cakes. This is all about creating a space for the community with the community being involved in the process.

There is a facebook page for Brindley Field and feel free to contact Rose [rosetomson@gmail.com](mailto:rosetomson@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

### Visits and tour of the school for Foundation Starters in September 2024

Some parents have asked about visiting school with their child as they prepare for them to start school in September 2024. I am pleased to say that we will be offering tours of the school on Friday 22

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September, Thursday 5 October and Friday 13 October. All tours will start at 9.30am. You will need to book a place for this. If you would like to do this, please contact the school office. We will be offering additional tour dates after the October half-term break and will inform you of these in the near future.

### Uniform Swap

We will be continuing our uniform swap system where parents can donate any old uniform (in good condition) to school so that we can swap or pass it on to other children. If you are able to donate any old uniform, please can you bring it into school on **Thursday 12 October** and pass it to a member of staff on the gate. We will have our uniform swap on **Thursday 19 October**. This year will be doing one uniform swap in the Autumn term, one in the Spring term and one in the Summer term. However, in the run up to Christmas, we will do an extraordinary 'Christmas jumper' swap day. If parents want to donate any old Christmas jumpers, we will be asking for these on **Thursday 23 November** and the official swap day will be **Thursday 30 November**.

### Lost Property

We have been back in school two weeks and already the lost property boxes are full to the brim! Please can you make sure that you label all your children's belongings.

Yours sincerely,

William Smith