



Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you've all had an enjoyable summer and are as excited as we are to be back in term time! (The school simply isn't the same without the children!) We'd like to welcome some new members of staff as well, including Mrs Jennifer Milligan, our Family Support Worker and Mrs Michelle Wood, a Midday Supervisor who has previously done cover work for us.

Over the summer, a lot has happened at Gothic Mede Academy. The most obvious change is the move of Acorn Class to the back of the playground, complete with a new outdoor area and covered play section. Even though the area is now ready for children to start in next week, there are still some items that will be addressed, including the installation of play equipment and a new fence at the back of the play area. We are really proud of the provision that we will be able to make for our 3 and 4 year olds on our site from Monday morning.



Other less obvious changes have been the installation of a new network to support the use of our new Chrome Books and the installation of a new phone system which will be implemented in the coming weeks.

We've also made some changes in school this year including a change to our school rules, and the addition of three new school values. These have come as the result of discussions with our local governing body, staff and children and as the result of feedback from our recent inspection. Our new school rules are "Readiness, Respect and Responsibility" and we have added the values of Pride, Ambition and Commitment.

Information about these changes can be found in our new behaviour policy on our website. Hopefully the simplicity of the three rules will help the children to bear these in mind in all situations.

Our value for this month is...

Pride

- Recognising what we have and who we are
- Understanding what we should do to be proud and make others proud
- Taking care and making an effort in all that we do so that we are proud of ourselves

In school we will be thinking about our tag line – **Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.**

We will be asking the children to take care when they are working but also to make sure that they put their all into everything that they do because what they do at school is important. When being proud, we will think about our determination, commitment, skills and creativity.

At home and in the community, you could encourage your child to think about making an effort to take pride in what they do and in their surroundings. For example, we should take pride in keeping our environment tidy because it's important, not because we could be caught littering. You could also read the school homework expectations together and discuss how these will help them to live the value of pride when completing their work. You may like to create a 'proud moments' wall in your home which celebrates family members achievements.

Thought for the month:

If a job is worth doing at all, it's worth doing it to the best of your ability. Take pride in excelling at all you do whether anyone else will know about it or not. Strive for quality for yourself. You deserve it!

Meet the Teacher

This short meeting is an excellent opportunity to hear about the year ahead from your child's teacher. If you are unable to attend you will still receive the information that will be given out. You will need to collect your child from their class as normal then make your way to the hall. The children will be supervised by another member of staff whilst parents are with the teachers.

- 11.09.17 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm – Year 4
- 12.09.17 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm – Year 3
- 13.09.17 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm – Year 2
- 14.09.17 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm - Reception
- 15.09.17 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm – Year 1

Coming up this month....

- 08.09.17 Values Day
- Various Meet the Teacher – See above for dates.
- 27.09.17 E-Safety Presentation for Parents 6.00pm – 7.30pm

BEST Twitter Account

To hear news from our trust of schools (BEST), please follow the trust's twitter account:

[@BedsSchTrust](https://twitter.com/BedsSchTrust)

Book Club

Book Club will be in the Library on Wednesday lunchtimes as follows:

- 13th Sept Birch
- 20th Sept Hazel
- 27th Sept Chestnut
- 4th Oct Sycamore
- 11th Oct Willow
- 18th Oct Maple

Brand new books are available to purchase at half price. Most are priced between £2 and £4. All proceeds go towards new books for the school.

If you are happy for your child to choose a book please send this money in a named envelope on the day.

Celebrations Assembly

Please can children take their awards/certificates/trophies etc. to Mrs Deacon in the school office where she will list them ready for the assembly. They will need to be with her no later than 9.00am on Monday mornings.