



Opal Class Newsletter

September, Term 1



This Term

Dear Parents/ carers,

We would love to take this opportunity to formally welcome you all to a new school year in Opal Class! We are really looking forward to working with and getting to know your children.

Our topic for Term 1 is '*Do you want to be friends?*' This term, we will be getting to know the children, learning about their likes and dislikes, and supporting them with their EHCP targets through carefully planned, engaging activities. During group time, we will learn who is in our class and begin to recognise names. To learn about the adults who help us in school, we will take a walk around our school to find out about the adults who work there. Back in the classroom, we'll explore objects linked to each person's job and think about how they help us. Together, we'll explore friendship and begin to share the things we like with others. Through matching activities, we'll explore the concepts of *same* and *different* and link this to how we are the same and how we are different from our friends. Linked to our Primary book '*Return*' by Aaron Becker, we'll explore what and who we can draw. Then we will draw around ourselves, comparing our height, as well as the size of our hands and feet.

Key Vocabulary:

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| • I like | • yes | • share | • help |
| • I don't like | • no | • my turn | • bigger |
| • same | • more | • your turn | • smaller |
| • different | | | |

Important Dates

More details/reminders of these dates will be sent out nearer the time

- Tuesday 9th September- School Photographer
- Wednesday 17th September- Flu Vaccine
- Monday 29th September- Meet the Teacher
- Friday 17th October- End of Term 1

Reminders

Please can the pupils come in wearing their P.E kits on **Wednesdays**. For safety, we ask that earrings are removed before school and long hair is tied back. We also do daily physical activities in our outdoor area and sensory circuits as and when individual pupils require this. Please let us know if you would like any support to do sensory circuits at home as we know it can help our pupils with their focus and regulation.

Just a little reminder to name all the children's clothing and belongings, this helps us to reunite it quickly and reduces anxiety when items are misplaced. At this time of year, wet weather clothing is recommended, for example, waterproof coat, waterproof trousers or puddle suit and welly boots. For snack time, the children are welcome to bring in a small, healthy snack, for example a piece of fruit/vegetable or crackers.

Please do not hesitate to use the Class Dojo app to communicate with us. We also use this app during the school day to reward the children for positive contributions which can be shared with you also.



Opal



Ruby



Topaz



Quartz



Sapphire



Emerald