

## Autumn 1 newsletter

### Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of a new academic year at RNIB Three Spires. I sincerely hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays.

Following an Ofsted inspection in June 2019, RNIB Three Spires continues to be graded as a good school however, we wish to improve further, and ensure that our pupils have the best possible learning experiences – with lots of fun along the way!

Much of our work this year will be focused on the promotion of independence for our children. It is vital that our children are taught the necessary skills they need to flourish and achieve their aspirations; skills such as communication/literacy, numeracy and self-regulation. This will be achieved through an enriched and vibrant curriculum underpinned by evidence-based practice.

At Three Spires, we have extensive outdoor learning facilities, with over four acres of land including allotments, forest school, outdoor exercise equipment and climbing trails. These unique facilities provide fantastic learning opportunities for our children and we will ensure these are fully utilised throughout the year.

Partnerships and collaboration will be key in driving the school forward. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing an annual schedule of parent workshops that will cover a wide range of topics that will not only be informative but will provide us with an opportunity to share ideas. You will also be receiving a half-termly newsletter; the autumn one edition will be published closer to October half-term.

Rowena Walker-Gordon has stepped down from her role as Chair of the Local Governing Body. Rowena has dedicated herself to improving the school and her input has been invaluable. We would all like to thank her for her contribution and we wish her all the best. I will write to you in due course to inform you of the details of the new Chair.

Carole Quinney left us over the summer period and on behalf of everyone at Three Spires, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and endeavour over the many years she has worked at RNIB Three Spires and we wish her all the best. In particular her work with families has been invaluable and she will be missed.

We look forward to engaging with you all over the coming weeks and months.

With very best wishes,

**Craig Bennett**  
Head Teacher

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## **Important Dates for Diary**

### **Staff Training Days (children will not be present on these days)**

Monday 28th October 2019  
Monday 20th July 2020  
Tuesday 21st July 2020

### **Celebration Days**

Please note, you will be informed of plans for each the celebrations in advance of the day.

Harvest Festival – 4th October  
Children in Need – 15th November  
Christmas Jumper Day – 13th December  
Safer Internet Day – 11th February  
World Book day – 5th March  
Autism Awareness day – 2nd April

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## **Important Information**

### **Allergies**

We are now a designated nut free school. When sending in snacks please check the ingredients beforehand to ensure nut ingredients are not present. We

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have a number of children with nut allergies therefore, we wish to take all necessary precautions.

If your child has an allergy of any description or severity and you are not sure if we have been informed, please contact us immediately on the main telephone number (024 7659 4952).

## **Transport**

For any school transport related enquiries please call 024 7683 4004.

## **Dinner Money**

Please ensure that dinner money is paid in advance and [online](#) at £11.50 per week. If you have any queries, please contact our main administration office.

## **Website**

We are working hard to get our website up and running and we thank you for your patience in this matter.

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