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Back to School Newsletter

Monday 6th September 2021

Dear families,

A very warm welcome back to everyone. We hope and trust that you had a restful and enjoyable summer. I am blown away by the positive start made in school and the way that the children have just slotted straight back in. The levels of attendance, behaviour and engagement have been wonderful- long may it continue! Remember, this weekly newsletter is the best place to go (every Monday PM) to make sure that you're on top of everything that is going on in our busy and thriving school!

Welcome: A warm welcome to new families in Nursery and Reception- our little people have been big stars so far...two lovely bunches of children all keen to play, learn and achieve together! We also welcome a new young man to Y3 who has settled beautifully...welcome to the team one and all!

Risk Assessment: Our risk assessment has been simplified significantly this year. It will be reviewed every few weeks in-line with the latest guidance and information on cases in school and the local community.

Music Tuition: If your child would be interested in taking up music tuition please see the email sent by Miss Chapman on 3rd September for full details. Any new pupils will need to sign up by Friday 17th September for this term. If your child had music lessons in the summer term and would like to continue, you do not need to get in touch with us, their lessons will continue automatically. If you wish to cancel your child's lessons please let us know by Friday 10th September at the latest to avoid being charged for this term.

Clubs: Breakfast/After School clubs will be launched today at 2pm. You will receive a text & email asking you for payment but this is so you get the link for your child's school money account. If your child doesn't want to join a club ignore the payment request. Alternately if they wish to join you follow the link to payment and consent. **All clubs start week beginning 13th September.**

Milk: If your child would like school milk please order through the www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk website. To avoid confusion please ensure you choose the correct class for your child/ren. Please note the start date once you've made the payment. **This does not apply if your child is on free school meals, they will get milk automatically through school.**

School meal price: A reminder the cost of a school meal is now £2.09 per day £10.45 per week. We kindly ask that you pay for school meals in advance. Find attached the school meals policy.

Uniform: Vortex, our uniform provider, will begin delivering to school again at the end of September. If you require uniform before then please order via their web site. <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/>

Snack: KS1 & Foundation Stage will get a snack each day starting 2nd September. Please ensure KS2 children bring a snack with them into school if required. The snacks should be fruit or cereal bar based. No chocolate or crisps, etc, please!

School dinner menu: This starts today on week 1 of the menu. Please note fish nuggets (week 3) are not available and have been replaced with fish fingers.

Flu immunisations: These will take place for pupils in F2-Y6 on Thursday 14th October 2021. More details to follow!

Water bottles: Water bottles can now stay in school all week and they will be rinsed and refilled each morning by our monitors but we would advise that they come home each Friday for a good wash and then back on a Monday. Fresh drinking water is available at lunchtime for all pupils in the dining room. We will not be replacing water bottles when children forget them any longer, as per the old risk assessment.

Class Timings:

F1, Y2, Y4, Y6 start 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm

F2, Y1, Y3, Y5 start at 8.50am and finish at 3.20pm

The reading in the hall will come to an end so that we can bring back breakfast clubs. Parents with a child in each group of classes should arrive at 8.45am. Early arrivals will not gain access to school and will risk unnecessary mixing.

Safeguarding Lists: The safeguarding lists have now closed for this term. If you need someone to collect who isn't on your list you will need to call the school office on the relevant day to make us aware or tell the teacher when you drop off. Please ensure that we know the plan in good time to avoid issues with the message getting to the class teacher.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

School Statistics
Our weekly and summary statistics will appear here next week but what a start! 99.7% attendance, no late marks and 99.7% GOOD to be GREEN! Wow!
Mini Diary- Week 2
Monday 6th September: Wellbeing breakfast club begins for selected pupils, clubs launched at 2pm online
Tuesday 7th September: Y6 at Weston Park on a visit 9.15am-3pm