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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to be able to catch up with many of the children this week to find out what they have been doing over the summer break - they have been so busy! It is so lovely to be back at school, and I think most of us are back in the swing of things now.

Sports day was a wonderful way of starting the year. I am sure you will agree that Mr O'Brien did a super job in organising it. The children did look so nice in their 'house' colours too. We have never had a uniform PE kit before, and often talk about establishing one. I think we are one of the only schools that don't. Certainly when I have spoken to the head teachers of The Churchill School and Cheriton Primary School (two schools we work closely with) they have PE kits. I thought the children looked so colourful that I would suggest our PE kit is black / navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a T-shirt of the colour house they are in. Let me or Mr O'Brien know what you think about that idea when you see us next.

We said good bye to Mrs Rand on Friday who started her maternity leave. I shall certainly keep you posted on any 'baby news' when we get it! I bet she is missing us all!

Several parents have asked about holiday dates already (!) they are on the reverse of the newsletter. I am pleased to see people planning their holidays to fit in with school holidays where possible!

I am sorry to be sending so many letters home at the end of the first week - I do know it is a pain, but it is important to update our records for your child's safety at the beginning of the school year. You should find enclosed the following form's that I would ask you to read, sign and return to your child's class teacher (not the school office)

- Internet safety agreement
- Medical / phone number updates
- Safe use of photographs

You will also find enclosed the curriculum overview your child will be following this term, and their half termly homework!

Have a nice weekend



Diary dates

26th September - Meet the Teacher evening (not for Reception children)

1st October - Class photographs

5th October - Jeans for Genes day

24th October - Y5/ 6 Landing Pad assembly (2:15pm)

25th October - Year 3/ 4 Landing Pad assembly (2:15pm)

26th October - Year 1/ 2 Landing pad assembly (2:15pm)

26th October - last day of term!

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals have increased in price to £2:20 a day / £11 a week.

Next week we will be on the week 3 menu

Ear rings in PE / for sporting activities

Sports day was a timely reminder for us all about the wearing of ear-rings during sporting activities. Our school PE policy states that children cannot wear ear-rings during PE lessons for health and safety purposes. Ear-rings cannot be taped up during PE lessons they must be removed. We have based this information from a document called 'Safe practice in PE and school sport' which has been recommended to us by the Local Authority.

Teachers cannot allow children to have ear-rings taped up, or allow children to wear ear-rings during PE lessons. If your child is not confident in removing their own ear-rings please can I ask you to take note of when they have PE (see curriculum overview) and send your child to school without ear-rings on that day?

Holiday dates

October Half term

Monday 29th - start back at school on Monday 5th

November

Christmas Holidays

Last day is Friday 21st December, we start back on

Monday 7th January

February half term

Last day is the 15th February, and we return to school on

Monday 25th February

Easter Holidays

Last day of term is Thursday 28th March, and we start back on Monday 15th April

May half term

Last day Friday 24th May, returning to school on Monday 3rd June

Last day of the summer term is Wednesday 24th July

Dogs

Can I remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises, nor should they be around the school gates. Some children are really scared of dogs (as are some adults) and however lovely your dog might be, I would not want any child feeling scared to come to school because of passing dogs. Please respect this rule, as this will remove any embarrassment if a member of staff has to ask you to move your dog along!

PTFA news

The **PTFA Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Monday 17th September 2012** in **Miss Dawe's Classroom** at **7pm**. The AGM is where we elect the officers for the 2012/2013 academic year, review our fundraising activities for the previous year and discuss our future plans. One of the team will be at the main school doors from 6.50pm to direct you to Miss Dawe's classroom. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.

Mrs Hughes Money saving tip of the week

100 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!!!!

Make a list of who you need buy for and whenever you see goods at bargain prices, grab, wrap 'n' stuff them in a Christmas cupboard. Keep your eyes peeled for discounts and deals!

Every week - take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend!



These are the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth