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Dear Parents,

Life in school settles down very quickly after the summer holidays, routines fall back into place, children get down to work as soon as they arrive in the morning, and it is like we have never been away, in the nicest possible way.

It is really exciting to walk through the school in the middle of the morning, peeping into the classrooms and to see children listening attentively to their teachers, or with their heads down working hard. It gives me a real sense of pride in the school.

This week the newest members of our school community started full time - the children in the reception classes. Some have been so brave and have been walking to their classes all by themselves! I bet they will all sleep well this weekend - they have been busy in the sand pit, climbing and swinging on the tyres and ladder and learning all about school life!

Many parents have spoke to me about my proposal for the PE kit (for people who did not receive last weeks newsletter - I propose our PE kit will black / navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a T-shirt of the colour house they are in). Don't worry if you have brought a new PE kit for the year, but if you have to replace the items maybe you can buy them to match our new PE kit scheme!

Next Wednesday we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening for children in Y1-6. The teachers will do a short presentation to parents at 3:30pm and 5:30pm to introduce themselves and to tell you what the children will be learning about this term / this year. After the presentation they will have other things for you to have a look at in the classroom - reading books, maths programmes, test papers the children will take at the end of the year, examples of work they will be doing etc. Please do come along and see what is planned for your son / daughter this year.

I forgot over the holiday how much time is spent looking for lost uniform in school. Can I ask that if uniform is not named, you could do that over the weekend? It would save me hours! Thanks for your support.



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 4 menu

Ear rings in PE / for sporting activities

Last week I wrote to ask you to support us in keeping children safe during PE lessons (see below) however there have still been several cases of children not wanting to remove their earrings for PE this week because they are worried about doing so. If your child would find removing their earrings tricky please do remove them on their PE days before they come to school.

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 form 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 again that dogs are not allowed on the school premises, nor should they be around the school gates. **The problem does seem to have been worse this week than last!** 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 on the school premises or as they leave the school premises at the gate.

Please respect this rule, as this will remove any embarrassment if a member of staff has to ask you to move your dog along!

Mrs Hughes Money saving tip of the week

Clinique freebies

Pick up *InStyle's* October edition (£3.80, Olivia Palermo on the cover) and one of four freebies will be on the cover.

- Repairwear Laser Focus Wrinkle & UV Damage Corrector - 7ml (worth £9.21)
- High Impact mascara - 4g (worth £8)
- Long Last Glosswear SPF 15 lip gloss - 2.3ml (worth £5.75)
- Turnaround Overnight Radiance Moisturiser - 7ml (worth £4.76)

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