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Welcome back to Autumn 2 Term. I hope the children enjoyed their Autumn break.

Last half term was very busy and we were very impressed at how quickly and maturely the children settled into their new classes and continue to model our school RESPECT values around school. Each class fit so much into the first few weeks and it was lovely to see the children fully engaged, confident and thoroughly enjoying their learning experiences.

We try to keep parents informed of all the fantastic things happening in school and what our children are learning via Class Dojo, our school Facebook and individual class pages on our school website. Please ensure you check these regularly.

Thank you to those who could attend our information coffee mornings and parent's evenings last term, parent/teacher partnerships are extremely important in supporting children's learning.

We are very excited to get started this half-term with lots of fun things planned in the lead up to Christmas - it is set to be a very busy one. Please familiarise yourself with some reminders below and also some important dates in the attached calendar. **We will always try to remind you of upcoming events but as this is a very busy half term, this might not always be possible - please make a note of any dates relevant to your child.**

Thank you

Breakfast Club / Afterschool Club Bookings

Any sessions for Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club **must** be booked and paid for at least 48 hours in advance via ParentPay. These clubs are becoming very busy and therefore any last minute bookings might not be possible due to staffing ratio requirements.

School Dinner Orders

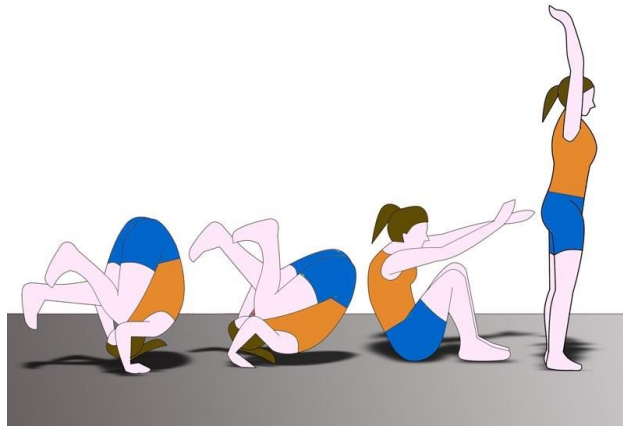
A reminder that School dinners must be ordered a week in advance by the **Thursday** each week. If you do not select choices for your children by the Thursday, your child will automatically be given the hot option each day.

Maternity Leaves

We all had a lovely surprise over the half term when Miss O's baby boy (Oliver) made an early appearance 6 weeks early! Mother and baby are doing really well and are both now at home. Miss O had planned to return to school for a few weeks before the arrival but has now started her maternity leave.

Mrs Atkinson will start her Maternity leave from mid November.

PE - Gymnastics



Children in Years 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in gymnastics as their PE unit this half term. For safety reasons the children will work in bare feet.

Earrings cannot be worn for any gymnastic activities - they must be **fully removed** and cannot be taped over. Please remove these before school or ensure your child is able to take out their own earrings prior to their lesson.

This has come from the following information:

The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is also not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the very slim chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing ear-rings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence. Therefore we cannot allow any jewellery to be worn during PE lessons.

Children should come to school on their PE day in PE uniform. As per our [School Uniform Policy](#), this must be a **plain** white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain black trainers. Children can also wear a black hoody (optional) or their school jumper/cardigan.

Long hair must also be tied back.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines



We continue to receive a large amount of concerns from our local residents about the parking outside of school and along Ringway. This included blocking full and part driveways, double parking and parents being rude when challenged about this.

Despite numerous communications and reminders from school, it is disappointing that that these issues are still ongoing.

EVERY DAY there continues to be parents parking on the yellow lines outside of school that are there for the safety of our children arriving to and leaving school. **The yellow lines should not be parked on at any time before, after or during the school day.**

Our school curriculum teaches children about the importance of following rules and laws and about being mindful, respectful citizens. **We need our parents/carers to also support us in doing this.**

Christmas Trips

We have booked our annual pantomime visit for Year 1 - 6 and this year we will be visiting the Phoenix Theatre in Blyth to see Cinderella. Each class have also organised a Christmas visit. Our fundraising fund has been used to subsidise some of the transport costs for these visits but there is still some costs we need to rely on parents to cover.

We have set up ParentPay payment plans to allow parents to make payments from as little as £1 towards the balance of these trips and ask that you aim for the full balance be paid by the end of the half-term.

Please contact school if there any issues with this and we can arrange for the payment plan to be extended.



Forest School Sessions

Forest school sessions will continue this half-term for each class - please see calendar below for individual class dates. The sessions go ahead in all weathers, and as the weather will get colder over the term, please ensure children have appropriate warm, waterproof clothing and shoes. This half-term we suggest children have:

- A warm, waterproof coat.
- Wellies - we have a supply of these in school if your child does not have their own.
- A hat, scarf and gloves.
- Thick socks.
- A spare pair of socks.
- A spare set of clothes to change into after the session if needed.

Forest School Dates Autumn 2

Wednesday 6 th November	Year 4
Friday 8 th November	Year 5
Monday 11 th November	Year 3 and Year 6
Monday 18 th November	Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 25 th November	Nursery/ Reception

Christmas Raffle Donations

On Friday 22nd November, children are invited to wear non-uniform and we ask for a donation towards our Christmas raffle. This could be sweets, chocolates, alcohol, toys, toiletries, gift sets, books etc. We also welcome voucher donations from local businesses if you have any links to any businesses.

We will be having a Christmas Fayre/ Christmas shopping Evening on Thursday 28th November from 5pm-6.30pm. There will be stalls from different sellers as well as a raffle/ tombola and refreshments. We hope you can make it.



Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Children are welcome to come into school wearing something bright, wearing pyjamas or something Pudsey/Blush. Donations will be able to be made via ParentPay from Monday 11th November.

Thank you for your support.



Class Dojo Points Tuck Shop



This half-term, our School Council will be re-introducing their school tuck shop. Children will have the opportunity to visit the tuck shop once every half-term to spend the Class Dojo points they have earned the previous term. The tuck shop will consist of:

- Science activities.
- Small toys.
- Sweets.

New stock will be added each term. Children will be limited to purchasing one item of sweets per visit - please inform your child's class teacher if you wish for your child not to use any of their points on any sweets.

Online Safety Guides for Parents



We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, please follow [this link](#) for online safety guides from the NSPCC.

New School



Attached is the current floor plan of the new school and outdoor area. At present, due to planning delays, we do not have a date for the construction to begin but we are hopeful that this will be early in the new year. Construction will take approximately one year to complete.

School Calendar for Autumn 2 Term 2024

Monday 4 th November	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Children Return to School
Wednesday 6 th November	Walk to School WOW Assembly
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 4 Forest School
Thursday 7 th November	Years 3 and 4 STEM Visit
Friday 8 th November	House winners' non-uniform – Fire/Earth
Friday 8 th November	Year 5 Forest School
Monday 11 th November	Armistice Day
WB Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week/Maths Week
Monday 11 th November	Year 3 and Year 6 Forest School
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Workshop
Thursday 14 th November	Battle of The Bands Day
Thursday 14 th November	Year 3 Skipping Festival
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th November	Year 1 and Year 2 Forest School
Friday 22 nd November	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre Donation
Monday 25 th November	Nursery/ Reception Forest School
Thursday 28 th November	Christmas Fayre Evening 5pm – 6.30pm
Monday 2 nd December	Reception/ Year 1/Year 2 visit to The Rising Sun
Thursday 5 th December	Tiddlywinks visit to Playgroup/ Nursery
Thursday 5 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Pizza/ Ice Skating Visit
Friday 6 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 visit to Beamish
Monday 9 th December	Nursery/Reception Performance 9.30am
Monday 9 th December	Years 3 and 4 Performance 2pm
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 and 2 Film Evening
Tuesday 10 th December	Years 1 and 2 Performance 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 3 and 4 Film Evening
Wednesday 11 th December	Years 5 and 6 Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 5 and 6 Film Evening
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Year 1 - Year 6 visit to Pantomime
Monday 16 th December	Nursery/Reception Christmas Party (am) Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 5 and 6 Film afternoon (pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December	School finishes for Christmas break at 1.30pm

TERM DATES 2024/2025

RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2024/2025

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2024	
Summer 2024	Friday 19 July 2024	Tuesday 3 September 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 NOVEMBER 2024	
October Mid Term 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Tuesday 5 November 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 6 JANUARY 2024	
Christmas/New Year 24/25	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025 * This falls within the holiday	
Spring Mid Term 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
MAY DAY	MONDAY 5 MAY 2025	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 2 nd JUNE 2025	
Summer Mid Term 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Tuesday 3 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025