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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! The summer term is upon us already, we have officially survived a year of lockdowns, home schooling and a number of other challenges. During the last 3 weeks of last term, children settled well back into school and their daily routines. This term we will continue to focus on the children's well-being and academic progress and we hope for a more settled time with the gradual lifting of national restrictions allowing us to enjoy more of our usual summer term activities and celebrations. We are very much looking forward to this term and hoping for a lot more normality and hopefully some sunshine!

As always, parents continue to be excellent in supporting us all with following our health and safety procedures and supporting children's learning and I thank you in advance for continuing to do so.

Please remember:

- Stick to allocated drop-off and collection times.
- Please wear a face covering when on school site.
- Only one adult should be on site per family to drop off/pick up.
- Please do not arrive early or wait on school premises.
- Please follow our one-way system.
- If an older sibling is off school due to being told they must isolate, they must NOT come onto our school site.
- No one should be entering the school building unless for emergencies, this includes the school office. Please continue to communicate via telephone, email or Class Dojo.

Mrs L Robson

## Information

### Uniform

Our school expectations are set out below:

Children must wear the expected school uniform. All items of clothing and footwear MUST be named. School uniform consists of the following:

- \* White polo shirt.
  - \* Purple jumper or cardigan.
  - \* Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts.
  - \* Purple gingham summer dress.
  - \* Black school shoes/ plain black school trainers.
  - \* Wellies (optional).
- \* One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

### PE:

- \* Plain white t-shirt.
- \* Plain black shorts or jogging pants.
- \* Trainers or suitable footwear for outdoor PE sessions.
- \* Plain black hoody.

### School Dinners

ParentPay is now used to order and pay for school dinners. Please remember to order your child's dinners before Thursday for the following week (text message will be sent each week to remind you). We will be adapting our menus throughout the summer term.

### School Grounds

You may have noticed that we have had some things removed from our school grounds over the holidays. These areas will be developed over the summer term with new exciting things appearing.

We have also invested in a lot more playground toys and activities (and outdoor storage for these) for children to enjoy outside during their break and lunchtimes.

### Start Times/Finish Times

Lateness also has a big impact on attendance, any child who is late after their class register closes (5 minutes after their class' allocated drop-off time) is marked as absent for that session. Anyone arriving late will not be able to access school through their class door and will be directed to the main office to ensure they have been registered correctly.

We also have many families arriving late to pick up their children. Any child left in their class after their allocated pick up time (this is a 10-minute window) will be taken to afterschool club and a charge will then be raised on ParentPay. We understand that from time to time, you can be delayed but if you are running late/ held up please ensure you ring to inform school about this.

If you have arranged for another parent to pick your child up, school must be informed. If we have not been informed, for safeguarding reasons, we will be unable to let your child leave school.

	Drop-Off	Pick-Up
Year 1 and 2	8.45am	3pm-3.10pm
Years 5 and 6	8.50am	Those picked up 3.10pm-3.20pm Those who walk 3.20pm – 3.30pm
Reception	8.55am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Years 3 and 4	9.00am	3.20pm – 3.30pm

- Remember siblings can be dropped off/ picked up at the earliest sibling's times.

### **Homework**

Our homework tasks will resume this term:

Times Table Rock stars (Year 2 and KS2) –New tables will be set weekly.

Maths Shed (KS1) –A new activity will be set weekly.

Spelling Shed –Spellings lists will be set fortnightly (weekly for Key Stage One) and spelling tests will still be conducted in school on a Monday. Spelling lists can also be found on class pages on our website.

Staff check weekly which pupils are accessing the online learning portals for homework and give out stickers for children who have completed their tasks.

We have a celebration assembly at the end of each half-term where certificates will be awarded to pupils who have consistently accessed their home tasks every week.

### **Reading Challenge**

Our Reading challenges will also resume this term too - Please ensure you have read separate information about how our reading challenge works.

### **Positive Cases**

Following guidance, a child shouldn't attend school if someone in the same household is awaiting test results. The child can only return once negative results are given. If someone tests positive, the whole household is to self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptoms started. If your child is tested, please inform school of the results as soon as possible. It is important that we all follow procedure to keep our local communities safe.

### **PE Days**

PE days may have changed this half-term – please check with individual class teachers so you know what day your child is to come into school in their PE kit.

## School Calendar

- Some of these may need to be done slightly differently or virtually in line with Government guidance for schools. Please note all dates are subject to change depending on the Covid/bubble/staff situation at the time.

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Non- uniform house winners
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class parties – April birthdays.
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Times Table Rock Stars theme day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Parties – May birthdays
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for half-term</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Teacher training day</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform for house winners
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day for a donation towards our summer raffle
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Parties – June birthdays
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsor week – more details to follow
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Rec/KS1 sports afternoon (children and staff only)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS2 sports afternoon (children and staff only)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reports sent home/ summer raffle drawn
WB 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent evening phone calls – dates to be confirmed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer day (TBC)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leaver's party – more details to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leaver's assembly – more details to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	House winner's celebration
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Parties – July and August birthdays
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Break up for summer holidays at 2pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils</b>