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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back – I hope you all managed an enjoyable, restful summer break and things are beginning to feel normal for you all again. I would like to give a special welcome to our new playgroup, nursery and reception children, it is an exciting time for them all and I'm sure they will enjoy settling into their new classes and routines.

Children have been in school today excited to be with their new teachers and support staff and eager to start their learning.

We are hopeful for very few disruptions this academic year. From 16th August, there have been significant changes to the rules around self-isolation, please ensure you have read my 'Welcome back' letter that was shared earlier this week (this can also be found on our website) which explains more about the current procedures in school.

This year we are very excited to now have Nursery and Playgroup as part of the school and we look forward to working closely together with the children, families and staff as part of the same team.

There are currently still spaces in both Nursery and Playgroup. If you know of anyone who may still be looking for early years provision this year, please pass on our details.

You may have read over the summer break that we have received some exciting news. We were selected as one of 50 schools in England to be a part of the Government's School Rebuilding Project. This project is set to 'create modern, energy-efficient environments providing new facilities, from classrooms and science labs, to sports halls and dining rooms'. It is still very early days and we do not know too much at the minute but we will keep you updated as we receive more information.

I'm really looking forward to working with you all this year.

Mrs L Robson

## Information

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Pupils are expected to arrive at school at their allocated times. The register will close 5 minutes after their allocated time and if your child arrives after this, they will be marked as late. Anyone who is late must enter school through the main reception door to ensure they are signed in.

Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will be marked late after 9am, KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) will be marked late after 8.50am.

At pick up time, doors will close 5 minutes after the allocated slot. Anyone who has not been collected by this time, will go to after-school club and a charge raised on ParentPay for this.

Any absences must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. Attendance and lateness is recorded and monitored and school need to follow the procedures to refer to the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) if and when needed.

### **PE Days**

Class teachers will share PE days for their individual classes via Class Dojo. Children should come to school on their PE day in PE uniform. This must be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, trainers or suitable footwear for outdoor PE sessions. Children can also wear a black hoody (optional) or their school jumper/cardigan.

### **Home-school Communication**

In order to minimise risk, we kindly ask that parents continue to either telephone or email the office if they need to pass messages on. Staff will be at classroom doors at the beginning and end of each day for quick messages but if you would like to speak to a member of staff for a longer issue or concern, please arrange a suitable time via the school office. Class teachers will continue to use Class Dojo for reminders and to showcase activities happening in class but will no longer be using the messaging aspect on Class Dojo. **Any messages sent through Class Dojo will not be responded to.**

### **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).

### **Breakfast Club and After-School Club**

Breakfast club is open from 8am each day and after-school club runs from 3.30pm-4.30pm. We are currently looking at ways we can extend after-school club again until 5.30pm and are hoping to be able to offer this again later in the Autumn term.

Both clubs must be booked and paid for via ParentPay at least 48 hours in advance and require at least 24 hours notice of cancellation to be eligible for a refund.

## School Calendar

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Flu Immunisations
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan coffee morning (Children only)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Space themed week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' day – World Mental Health
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest celebrations in school.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School photos
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Halloween theme day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School finishes for half term at normal time
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying parent workshop 3.30pm more details to follow
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 Christmas Fayre (pm) (TBC)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Fayre (pm) (TBC)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Performances (pm) (TBC)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Performances (pm) (TBC)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 Performances (pm) (TBC)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Performances (pm) (TBC)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner day.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/ Reception Christmas Party (am) Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (am) Years 5 and 6 Christmas Film Afternoon (pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes for Christmas holidays at normal time