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Newsletter 1



Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

It has been super to see everyone back at school this week – and all looking so smart! KS2 are looking particularly impressive with their shirt and tie, but the KS1 pupils also seem to have returned with a bit of extra polish.

The school has also been smartening itself up too. Who can have failed to notice the extended path to KS1 and the refurbished shelter by the gate? Indoors the dark and rather dated tiling around the washbasins has been concealed and the basins and sinks have been replaced. This has given the classrooms a much more modern and more spacious appearance.

The wildlife area now boasts a pond, which will shortly be complemented by a seating area and designated wildlife 'zones'.

Unfortunately not everything over the holidays went quite as smoothly as intended. Due to an underground leak in the hall, we had our own indoor water feature for a while! The floor has been lifted, the concrete dug up and the leaking pipe replaced, but remedial work is still ongoing as the parquet flooring needs to dry fully before it can be relaid. However we are still able to use the hall and I am hopeful that we will have all the work completed over the next few weeks.

New Pupils and Staff

This term, not only have we been joined by our new Reception children, but we have also admitted a number of pupils in other classes as well as two new staff: Mrs Alger in Year 1 and Miss Akthar in Reception. I know that everyone will offer them and their families a warm welcome. I am very pleased to be able to say that the school is very nearly full. This is good news for us as it not only determines our funding for next year, but also reduces disruption to classes during the year.

Medical Conditions and Medication

We are currently checking that any medication we hold in school – inhalers, epi-pens, etc. – is all in date. If, over the summer holidays, your child has been diagnosed as asthmatic, requires an epi-pen for any reason or has any other medical condition of which we should be aware, please ask at the office to complete a care plan.

Data Collection and Home School Agreements

Parents are asked to complete these when their child starts school, but over the years information changes and it is easy to forget to update your child's record. We will be sending home a copy of our current data collection sheet for pupils other than Reception. Please check the information we hold and return the sheets even if there are no changes.

Similarly we have updated the home school agreement to reflect changes to the school curriculum, so we will be sending these home and asking you to discuss them with your child and return a signed copy to school.

Curriculum Information

This afternoon you should receive a curriculum letter outlining the topics your child will be learning this term. These will be added to the website. The website is currently being updated with information for the new academic year. You will shortly be able to see further information about the broad and varied curriculum that we offer the children. In addition to this we will be holding a Curriculum Information Evening which will offer parents and carers a chance to look at resources, find out about end of Key Stage expectations and testing, and pick up some useful tips on how to support their child's learning.

Mornings

Your child's welfare is very important to us, but please remember that first thing in the morning is not a good time to chat to the class teacher. Messages about collection arrangements and similar concerns should be written in the Homework Planner (KS2) or Home School Notebook (KS1). If your child has been 'under the weather' then let the teaching assistant know or drop by the office and we will pass the message on. If you would like to talk to the class teacher then please make an appointment for after school when they can give you their full attention.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club continues to flourish. Remember you don't need to book and can just drop your child off between 8 and 8.30 am. It costs just £2 a morning for breakfast and a relaxing start to the day. Discounts are available for pupils entitled to Pupil Premium.

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