



Welcome to the new school year. We hope that your summer holiday was relaxing and enjoyable and that you were able to make the most of the sunny weather!

During the summer, several members of staff and parents have helped the school by painting rooms and giving areas a deep clean. I would like to thank Mrs Moss, Mr Chambers, Mr Allen, Mrs Todd, Mrs Trew and Mrs Scott for all their help and support.

Theme Weeks

I am pleased to share with you our plans to enhance our curriculum over the coming year. We are introducing a half-termly theme week designed to further inspire the children. Our first week is International Week and this will take place week commencing 23 September. A French café will be being run by the children in Key Stage 2 during this week and there will be a number of other activities to support learning about other countries and cultures. Further details will follow but I do hope you will support the school in making these events enjoyable and successful.

Information

During the next week, we shall be sending home a variety of forms that need to be read, signed and returned to the school. An updated information form will be sent to you and this should be checked and returned so that the school has up-to-date contact details. In particular, please do let us know of any updated telephone numbers so that we can contact you in case of need.

Smartness / Revised School Uniform Policy

We are encouraging pupils to be as smart as possible for school. This means that pupils are expected to have suitable shoes, their shirts tucked in, not wear inappropriate jewellery and wear the revised school uniform as advised to you last term. There are some children who have returned to school wearing blue polo shirts. These are no longer school uniform and white polo shirts must be worn. (Pale blue polo shirts can still be worn in P.E.) Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform and has their PE kit in school every day. Thank you for your support here.

School Dinners

We politely remind you that **school dinners must be paid for in advance**. If funds are not received, parents will be contacted and expected to provide a packed lunch instead. Next week, we will be on **Week 2** of our menu. School dinners cost £2.30 per day (KS2).

Cash Payments

To help us as much as possible, please make sure **cash payments are put in a named envelope and state the reason for the payment**. Separate payments for each purpose would also be of great assistance. **If payment is made online, permission slips still need to be returned** to the school. Your help is much appreciated.

Late Attendance

Please make every effort to make sure your child arrives in class on time. There are many children who are continually late and this impacts on their learning and it also has a detrimental effect on the class. School starts at 8.50 am and children should be ready to work then. Please therefore allow sufficient time for your child to remove their coat, empty their book bag etc.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that if you think you may be eligible, the school has a letter that explains eligibility and how to apply. This may be particularly relevant for Year 3 pupils as in Key Stage 2, school dinners must be paid for unless you are eligible for free school meals.

Important Dates

Autumn Term - Tuesday 3rd September – Thursday 19th December.

Half term: 28th October – 1st November

Spring Term – Monday 6th January 2020 - Friday 3rd April.

Half term: 17th February – 21st February

Summer Term – Monday 20th April – Wednesday 22nd July.

Half term: 25th May – 29th May

Remaining Non-pupil days: Monday 11th November, Friday 12th Friday June and Monday 6th July.

Other Notable Dates

Monday 16th September – Clubs begin

Monday 23rd September – Friday 27th September – Themed International Week

Wednesday 9th October – KS1 Harvest Festival 9.15 a.m.

Thursday 10th October – KS2 Harvest Festival 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday 22nd October, and Thursday 24th October - Parents' Evenings. Please note there will be no clubs on these dates.

Monday 4th November – Friday 8th November – Themed Famous People Week

Monday 9th December KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal Morning

Tuesday 10th December KS1 Christmas Production – Afternoon & Evening Performances

Wednesday 11th December KS2 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal Morning & Afternoon & Evening Performances

Tuesday 17th December – Class Christmas Parties Thursday 19th December KS2 Christmas Lunch

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