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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very excited to see you and your children tomorrow! I just have a few things to share with you to ensure the term gets off to a smooth start.

Medication

It is extremely important that we have inhalers and emergency medication in school as soon as your child starts with us tomorrow. You can hand these to a member of staff on the door. All inhalers should be in the original packaging from the doctor and labelled clearly with their name. Our new Reception parents will need to visit the school office to collect a form and hand in any medication. We will then send forms home for all other parents whose child has previously had medication in school.

Toast and Lunch

Thank you to those of you who have already booked your child's lunch. If you haven't yet done this, please do try and do it **before they arrive in the morning**. You can now also book toast via the school app. We would prefer you to do this from now on but will give a few weeks to get used to this. We will continue to accept toast money on the door in the mornings until Monday 23rd September. After that, all toast must be booked online via the app. You are able to book toast for the whole term and we would encourage you to do so where possible.

Uniform

I know many children will have grown over the holidays and you may have purchased new school uniform for them. If this is the case, please ensure all items of clothing are fully labelled with your child's name. We understand it is frustrating for parents when they come home without their jumpers and cardigans, but it is extremely difficult to ensure they look after them when they don't have names on.

Please ensure your child is wearing plain black school shoes unless you have had a separate conversation with me.

PE

This year, we are changing our PE provision back to two separate one hour lessons. We believe it will suit the children better to have two shorter lessons rather than a whole afternoon or morning, which can sometimes be too much for some children. Mrs Ville is continuing to teach PE to all classes throughout school once every week and class teachers will teach the other PE lesson. It is **vital** that your child has a **full** PE kit in school for both lessons. We would highly recommend that

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your child leaves their PE kit in school for the half term. We will send them home at the end of each half term for washing. Time is lost in PE lessons when kit is missing, so please do ensure your child has everything they need in order to make the most of their lesson time.

Reception – Thursday

Y1 – Monday and Tuesday

Y2 – Tuesday and Friday

Y3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Y4 – Thursday and Friday

Y5 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6 – Wednesday and Thursday

Meet the Team

We would like to invite you into school on Tuesday 10th September at 9:00 or 3:00 for our **new Reception parents**. This will be a chance for you to meet key members of staff who are available in school to offer support. We are keen to ensure relationships with parents are positive and that you understand we are able to help and support you in lots of different ways, in the best interests of your child. You will have the chance to meet Miss Hackett our Family Support Coordinator and Mrs Johnson our Learning Mentor.

We will then run these again on Thursday 12th September at 9:00 or 3:00 for **all other parents across school**. This will be an informal opportunity for you to come and have a chat with us and see what we can offer. Tea and coffee will be available at all these meetings.

Clubs

Clubs this term will begin on Monday 16th September. They will run for the remaining 6 weeks this half term and six weeks next half term. There will be no clubs (apart from normal After School Club) in the final week of term. A further letter regarding clubs will be sent home before the end of the week.

Reminders

- Please ensure you book a vegetarian lunch if your child is vegetarian.
- Classroom doors will not be open in the mornings. All children must enter school via the front entrance or the playground entrance.
- Please ensure you book After School Club (24 hours notice) and Breakfast Club (48 hours notice) if you need to use it.

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- All children must be collected promptly at 3:30 from their classroom door. Any child not collected by 3:35 will be taken to the school office. A member of staff will then take them to After School Club and you will be charged for this. If you are running late, please call the school office and let us know. If your child is being collected by someone other than yourself, please inform the school office by 2:00 so we have time to inform staff.
- All children must bring a water bottle to ensure they can drink freely throughout the school day.
- Class newsletters will be sent home on Friday 13th September to share information regarding the curriculum your child will experience this term. Further information is available about our school curriculum on the school website.
- You can find details of the expected uniform and PE kits on our school website.
- Look out for a letter going out from Mrs Parry on the 5th September regarding Young Voices. If your child is in Y5 or is interested in joining choir (which will be on a Thursday), they will be able to attend in January 2025. The system has changed this year and you will be responsible for ordering your own tickets/t-shirts this year.
- If you are struggling with anything at all – come and talk to us!

I will be welcoming children who enter the playground door in the morning with Mrs Johnson and Miss Hackett will be welcoming those who arrive at the front entrance. Please do share any important information with us; we can ensure messages are passed to teachers too. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday 4 th September	Reception stay, play and chat with parents Y1 – Y6 return to school	Doors open at 8:50
Thursday 5 th September	Reception part time	Letters sent
Friday 6 th September	Reception part time	Letters sent
Monday 9 th September	Reception start full time	Doors open at 8:50
Tuesday 10 th September	Meet the Team	Reception parents invited Details above

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Thursday 12 th September 2024	Meet the Team	All parents invited Details above
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd October	Whole school flu immunisation	Details to follow

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