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## Welcome Back

We are glad to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday and we hope that the children are feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

Last year was very successful for our school with some particularly pleasing results in the national tests. Things to look out for this year are:

- Although our results were good last year a small number of our pupils attendance and time keeping was not good enough. There will be a strong focus on addressing that this year.
- Reading at home increased significantly last year and we will be looking at fresh ways to encourage more reading.
- Improving pupils spelling and knowledge of multiplication facts will be a priority for the school.

Please ensure that your children get off to a good start to the year by providing them with correct uniform. It is essential that all clothing and shoes are named.

## Lost Property

It is the start of a new year and we have lots of lost property from last term. We have asked the children at the end of term to claim their belongings but, we still have a great deal left. On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th September you will have the opportunity to come into school and claim your child's belongings. After that we will be donating what is left to a charity. This will take place in the hall from 3pm.

## School Gates

The gate next to the hall will be locked at 9am and the gate at the top of the school is locked at 9:05am.

## School Library

The school library has had a complete makeover. As you can see from the photograph it has an 'Alice in Wonderland' theme. This Lewis Carroll classic novel will be the focus of some cross school English work this term.

Thank you to Mrs Owen, Peyton Owen and Miss Harris for giving up their time in the holiday to decorate the Library for the children.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast is available from 8am and is served until 8:30am. There is a variety of cereals on offer, toast with a choice of butter, jam or marmite, juice and milk. Once the children have eaten they can either play connect four, card games or just sit quietly and read. A gentle reminder Breakfast Club is for children to have a breakfast at School with their friends. Please do not send your child to this club if they have already had breakfast at home.

## Dates

- Week beginning 11th September—meet the teacher. You will have an opportunity to find out the key information about your children's class – please attend (invitations to follow).
- 18th September - Individual photographs of children. Please dress them up smartly (NB Nursery 2 children on Wednesday afternoon)
- Week beginning 16th October—Harvest assembly—years 3 and 4
- Film night—18th October years 4 to 6 and 19th October years R to 3.
- Half term holiday—23rd to 27th October. Return to school 1st November.
- 7th November—sibling photographs
- 13th November—National anti-bullying week
- 14th and 15th November—parents consultations
- Week beginning 18th December—Nativity play (years R, 1 and 2)
- Disco—19th December years 4 to 6, 20th December Reception and 21st December years 1 to 3
- Friday 22nd December last day of term
- Return to school after Christmas on 9th January

## Sport Update

Monday 11th—Football trials boys years 4 and 5 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday 12th—Football trials girls years 5 and 6 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Wednesday 13th—Football trials boys years 5 and 6 from 3:30pm and 4:30pm

**Please provide your child with shin pads.**

## Swimming Year 6

Year 6 will start their swimming lessons on Friday 15th September. Please return your slip to Mrs Unitt. Hats can be purchased from Mrs Cragg in the office for a cost of £1.50

## Premier Sport (Multisports Club)

Children in years 1 to 3 have recently received a letter regarding this club. If you are interested in your child attending please return your slip and payment to Mrs Unitt.

## New School Dinner Ordering System—CYPAD

I expect your children have told you about our new and exciting way that they order their school dinner. Gone are dinner registers and arrived is CYPAD.

CYPAD is an on-line ordering and management system for school catering. It is simple to set up which makes the whole process of managing school meals easier for school cooks and staff as well as children, and others monitoring the service.

Children now use an interactive menu selecting exactly what they would like for dinner - both main course and pudding. This interactive menu is very user friendly and shows photographs of the dinner as well as the written menu.

Children will no longer have bands and they are checked into dinner via an iPad. This system ensures that ALL children get exactly what they want for dinner, whether they are first in the hall or last. Bands cannot be lost and arguments about getting the wrong dinner will be a thing of the past.

I am sure we may have a few teething problems to begin with but overall this is a good step forward for our children, yourselves and the school. Please continue to send dinner money as before, the cost is still £2.05 per day or £10.25 per week.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask at the office or your child's class teacher.