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Dear Parents/Carers

Letter for under the fridge magnet!

As we start our summer break I thought that one last letter (perhaps to put under a magnet on the fridge) might be helpful for when it comes to thinking about returning to school in September.

The children return to school on **Monday 4th September.**

Children are allowed onto the playground from 8.40am. On the first day all children will be met by their teacher on the playground at 8.45am and escorted into their new classrooms.

After the first day children are encouraged to drift into their classrooms from 8.45am. All children **MUST** be on the playground by 8.55am when the bell rings. Children arriving in school after 8.55am will be recorded as late (L). Children arriving after 9.10am will be recorded as 'late after the register closes' (U) which counts towards a fixed penalty notice.

After School Clubs will begin the following week w/b Monday 11th September and will run for 5 weeks during the first half of the autumn term. Children will receive confirmation of their allocated club during the first week back.

PE kit, drinks bottles and fruit / vegetable for playtime snack

Children need to bring their PE kit in a **drawstring bag and all kit should be clearly labelled with their name** on the first day of term – please see the website for the list of contents. Their PE bag will stay in school until the October half term when it will be taken home for washing.

In addition each child **MUST** bring a **drinks bottle** to school containing water. Again this must be clearly labelled with their name.

Children may choose to bring a piece of fresh fruit / vegetable to school for a playtime snack. Fruit will be available to buy from the tuck shop for 30p. Children must **NOT** bring cereal bars, chocolate bars or any other type of snack for playtime – please see newsletter 12 on the website for more information.

Uniform

A reminder that children need to be wearing our school uniform and should have a lightweight rain coat **and all uniform should be clearly labelled with their name**– please look on the website for full details of our school uniform.

Shoes

Children **MUST** wear proper black school shoes and not trainers or boots. Please be careful when buying shoes as some shops display trainers in the shoe section and these are not acceptable. Properly structured shoes are essential for supporting children's feet.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn although pupils may wear a watch.

Earrings should not be worn but, if essential, they should be small, plain stud earrings and must be covered over with tape during PE lessons.

Haircuts and hairstyles

Over the summer holidays I am sure that children will enjoy wearing their hair in many hairstyles and with different haircuts. A reminder that for school children are expected to tie long hair up with a small band or ribbon. Large ribbons/bows/headbands are not allowed and should be kept for special occasions.

In addition, fashion haircuts – e.g. 'topknots' etc.... **are NOT allowed.**

Hair should not be shaved (cuts must be a grade 2 or above) and tram lines etc.. **are NOT allowed.**

It is impossible to list all fashion haircuts/styles as trends change so fast. However, hair should be appropriate for school and presented as above.

Bags

All children will have a small cubby hole in which to keep their bag and coat. Each cubby hole measures 32cm (width) 25cm (height) and 32cm (depth) and their bag must be able to fit comfortably into this space. Children should not bring pens, pencils, pencil cases etc.. as everything that is needed will be provided in school.

Toys should NOT be brought into school.

Please ensure that your child's bag is small enough to fit into their cubby hole as we want to keep our school tidy and big bags take up a huge amount of space.

Bicycles and scooters

Children are welcome to ride their bicycle or scooter to school **provided that they wear a cycle helmet**. The children who have completed their bikeability course know how important a cycle helmet is to protect their head.

Children not wearing a helmet will not be permitted to ride their bicycle/scooter to school.

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

Monday 9th October

Monday 30th October

Thursday 21st December

Friday 9th March

Monday 23rd July

Half term

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October (Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October following the INSET day)

Autumn term 1 – Dates

w/b Monday 18th September – School Elections

Wednesday 20th September – School Photographs – Individual photos for Junior School Children only

Tuesday 26th September – Year 3 Parents' Evening (1) 3.45pm – 7pm

Wednesday 27th September - School Cross Country Event. 9.30am

Thursday 28th September –Year 4 Young Shakespeare Company / Macbeth

Thursday 28th September – Year 3 Parents' Evening (2) 3.45pm -7pm

Tuesday 10th October - Year 5 **Larch** Class Gym/Dance Performance 2.30pm

Thursday 12th October - Year 5 **Cedar** Class Gym/Dance Performance 2.30pm

Friday 13th October - Year 5 **Willow** Class Gym/Dance Performance 2.30pm

Monday 16th October – Years 4, 5 and 6 Parents' Evening (1) 3.45pm – 7pm

Tuesday 17th October – **Year 3** Music performance to parents 2.30pm

Thursday 19th October – Years 4, 5 and 6 Parents' Evening (2) 3.45pm – 7pm

Friday 20th October – Bag2School – non school uniform day

Please see the calendar on the website for more events during the school year. We have tried to publish these as early as possible to help with planning.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Deborah Johnson
Headteacher