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Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to see all the children on Wednesday after the holidays looking so smart and refreshed. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday, although it is amazing how fast six weeks can fly by!

I would like to say a special welcome to the children that have joined us in Reception and Nursery this year.

School Priorities for the school year



The priorities for the School Development Plan this year are to firstly increase the outstanding practice further. There has been a change nationally in the assessment of pupil attainment. The implementation of the Hertfordshire assessment system will be our second focus. With the



introduction of the new curriculum nationally we will be looking at improving the provision and pupil outcomes in computing (ICT). Lastly, we will be continuing the progress we made last year with the development of writing and there



Talk4Writing

will be a specific focus on the "Talk for Writing" approach. This is a method that teachers trialled in the summer term with great success.

Building work

The school has been a hive of activity over the holidays. The Nursery, Reception and Y2 classrooms have been refurbished and new flooring has been laid in the communal corridors. It is all looking very smart.



Parent Handbook



Please read the Parent Handbook which will be sent home as soon as possible, it has been updated and contains important information and dates.

PTA

The PTA AGM is at 7.30pm for 8pm on Monday 8th September in the dining room. Elaine Ridout, the Chair of the PTA has indicated that she wants to stand down as Chair. We currently have no vice chair. I am concerned there is a very real threat that the PTA will be unable to run their events this year without additional support from parents. Please come to the meeting and support our PTA who make a significant financial contribution to your child's education.



Meet the Teacher KS1 and KS2

This is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and find out about the routines and expectations for the year ahead.

- Year 4 – Monday 8th September 2.45pm in Y4
- Year 2 - Tuesday 9th September 2.45pm in Y2
- Year 3 - Wednesday 10th September 2.45pm in Y3
- Year 1 – Thursday 11th September 2.45pm in Y1
- Year 5 – Monday 15th September 2.45pm in Y5
- Year 6 – Wednesday 17th September 2.45pm in Y6



Please come in through the **pedestrian entrance** and enter the classroom through the external class door where the children enter the classroom in the morning.

If you are unable to make these meetings and have additional questions that have not been answered in the Curriculum Newsletter, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

Dates for the Diary



We are currently compiling a list of dates for all the school events that will take place during the Autumn Term and where possible for the whole year. I am very keen to give you as much notice as possible to make the necessary arrangements to attend school events. This list will be available on the website.

Extra- Curricular Clubs



I am pleased to say that we will be offering a varied programme of extra-curricular activities this term. Some of the clubs will be run by external providers, although many will be offered free of charge by members of the school staff and parents. I am very grateful to all who have volunteered to lead a club; I know the children really appreciate it. Please sign up by Monday 8th September.

Parent Helpers

The teachers are always grateful for the support offered by parent helpers. It is so beneficial for the children to have an extra pair of hands in the classroom. If you feel you are able to come in as a volunteer in school please give your name to the office. It is unlikely that you will be placed in your own child's class as this can be difficult for some children.



Parent Workshops



Following the success of the parent workshops we ran last year we have created a program for the forthcoming term.

9am Thursday 9th October – Talk for Writing (this is a new workshop)

9am Thursday 16th October – Phonics

9am Thursday 6th November – Numeracy

Workshops will be held in the main hall.

I am very sorry to say that Anne Leveridge has resigned as parent governor after many years of service to the school as a governor and in the PTA. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment and dedication in this role.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Roberts
Headteacher