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Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to see all the children on Tuesday after the holidays looking so smart. We have had a fantastic start to the year with the children demonstrating their engagement and commitment to their learning. 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:

- Developing pupils' emotional resilience through a mindfulness approach*
- To further develop the effective assessment of the foundation subjects as part of the Champions of Excellence Project*
- To further accelerate pupil outcomes in science by leading the STEM Learning ENTHUSE project and renewing our Primary Science Quality Mark*



- To further develop the provision of the Early Years to ensure the outstanding grade descriptors are best fit
- To inspire and motivate pupils to think about their long term goals as part of our Dream Big campaign.

Sports Committee

If your child is in KS2 and they would like to apply to be on the Sports Committee. The application form was sent home to all parents on Wednesday. Mr Sandiford and I are really looking forward to reading them.



Building work

Over the summer we had a running track installed in the playground and the football pitches were reseeded. We have had new fencing along the side of the school by Ryman Court and along the front of the school. The Y5 and Y6 toilets have also been refurbished. All the classroom doors have been replaced as well.

Reading challenge

All pupils are encouraged to complete the number of books and tasks to obtain the bronze, silver, gold, platinum and reading star awards. The School Council have decided that pupils will need to complete one activity out of the five books they read at each certificate stage. They only have to choose one book out of five books from the recommended list.



Parent Handbook



Please read the parent handbook which will be sent home over the next couple of weeks. It has been updated and contains important information and dates.

PTA

The PTA AGM is at 7.30pm on Monday 11th September in the dining room. 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 5 - Monday 11th September 2.45pm in Y5

Year 2 - Tuesday 12th September 2.45pm in Y2

Year 6 - Wednesday 13th September 2.45pm in Y6. This meeting will be followed with a 30 minute presentation relating to secondary school transfer. Childcare will be provided for any children during the secondary transfer meeting.

Year 1 - Thursday 14th September 2.45pm in Y1

Year 3 - Monday 18th September 2.45pm in Y3

Year 4 - Tuesday 19th September 2.45pm in Y4

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 calendar. Please make sure you check the website regularly.

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. As part of our safeguarding procedures, volunteers will now need to provide references.



Staff changes

Unfortunately Mrs Robey the Teaching Assistant in Y6 resigned over the summer holidays. Mrs Flude has moved to Y6 in the mornings and Mrs Thomas will be in Y6 for two afternoons. We have recruited an additional Teaching Assistant in Y5 to replace Mrs Flude. Miss Marcus will be starting as soon as all our safeguarding checks have been completed. I know she will be a fantastic addition to the team.

Parent Workshops



Following the success of the parent workshops we ran last year we are in the process of creating a programme for the forthcoming term. We will let you know the dates as soon as we can.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Yours sincerely

Mrs R Roberts
Headteacher