

05/09/17

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great summer and that the children are ready for a new term.

Please find below reminders about our school procedures;

#### ATTENDANCE

It is important that your child attends school every day, unless they are ill. As you are all aware from September 2013 leave of absence for holidays will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If the leave of absence isn't an exceptional circumstance then it will be unauthorised, which may lead to a fixed penalty fine which will be issued by the Local Authority. The fine is £60.00 per parent, per child if paid within the first 21 days. If it is paid between 21 and 28 days it is £120.00 per parent per child and after 28 days the case is taken to court if the fine isn't paid. Please make sure that you book any holidays in school holiday time. Please look on our website for term dates, or pop into the office.

Children will get a late mark if they arrive in school once the registers are closed at 9.00 and their mark will be unauthorised.

Please make sure that your children are at school before the register is taken at 9.00. School opens at 8.45. Children are not supervised on the playground before this time.

#### UNIFORM

Children are expected to wear sensible black shoes for school. Trainers are not permitted at any time. Please help us to teach your children that they have to follow rules, and that part of being in our school community and eventually being an adult is to follow these rules. Jewellery is not permitted. If your child has pierced ears then they need to wear studs for school. These will need to be taped up for any PE lessons for health and safety reasons. Please remember the change to our uniform. Boys are to wear black trousers or black shorts and blue shirts and navy blue jumpers. Girls are to wear black skirts or pinafore and blue polo shirt or blouse with a navy blue jumper and black tights.

#### SCHOOL MEALS

Remember that all children in reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free school meals. Children can choose from the sandwich choice if they do not like a hot dinner. If you have any special requests please let us know and we will do our best to help. We have amazing staff in the kitchen! If you are entitled to free school meals [even if you are in reception, Y1 and Y2] please make your claim as this helps the school. Mrs Green is an expert on this, so if you have any questions please see her! Any child eligible for free school meals will receive a free blazer from the school.

#### WEBSITE AND APP

Don't forget to keep looking at our website. You will find all newsletters on there, dates for the term, holiday dates etc. You will also find information on what your child will be learning this year. You will find an overview of what we are teaching in literacy and numeracy, including what words your child should be able to spell and the KIRFS they will be learning.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework projects will be sent out each half term. We encourage families to work on the projects together. We will send out text reminders and put the homework projects on your child's class page on the website.

#### Times tables expectations.

Year Group	This is what your child should be able to recite and use
Reception	Children should be able to count in 1's and 2's.
Year 1	Children should count in 2's, 5's and 10's
Year 2	Children should recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.
Year 3	Children should know their 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 8's and 10's.
Year 4	Children should know all their times tables up to 12X12.

Please help your child to learn these, as they will help them throughout the whole maths curriculum. If you want some ideas as to how to help your child learn their tables please pop in and see Miss Procter who is the maths lead for the school.

#### New staff

We have no new staff, but you may have noticed that Mrs Martin Rhind is pregnant! She will be taking her maternity leave at the end of the autumn term and returning the following September. As soon as we have found a replacement we will let you know and we will make arrangements for the successful candidate to meet the children and parents of the class.

#### Dojos

Don't forget to sign up to the dojo app if you haven't done so already. You can see how your child is getting on every day, and message the teachers.

If you find you have lots of spare time, please let us know if you would like to help in school. We have a number of parents who are willing to help on school trips, please let us know in the office if you are able to do this [you may go with your child's class, or if you wish another class]. Some trips will be all day, other just to help walk to the local park. We would be very grateful!

As always, please pop into school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs R Bagni  
Headteacher