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Headteacher Autumn Newsletter

A warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year! I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and see them entering the gate every morning with a smile on their face. Welcome to our new parents. You will all be pleased to know that the children have settled really well and the term has got off to a flying start across the school!

Attendance

As you are all aware, the Government guidance for school attendance has changed slightly from August this year and we can no longer approve holidays in term time. A letter will be following shortly outlining the procedures for attendance but also the many ways we celebrate and praise good attendance in school.

Please find below important updates/changes:

Walking home

Our priority is keeping children safe and due to the darker nights drawing in, only children in year 6 will be allowed to walk home with parental written permission. All other year groups will need to collect their children at the end of the school day.

Parking

Unfortunately we no longer have our usual lollipop man to help children cross the road, so please take extra care whilst crossing. Since the new bollards have been installed it has come to our attention that people are parking on the pavements in restricted areas. Once again, children's safety is our priority, so please ensure you are only parking in the correct designated areas around school. This will ensure the children are kept safe and that roads are not blocked.

Lunchboxes

Across school we have many children with different food allergies. One in particular is nuts. Moving forward we will now be a 'NO NUTS' school and would appreciate it if you could please refrain from putting any nuts within your child's school lunchbox or providing them for snack.



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Website

We were due to launch a new school website at the beginning of this term but, unfortunately there have been technical issues! The current website may not contain information you require and some aspects may be out of date, so please let us know if you need anything. We are working hard to address this problem and will let you know when it has been resolved. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

Please find below general reminders for the upcoming academic year:

Inset days

We have 5 inset days, these will be taking place on: Monday 2nd September 2024, Friday 22nd November 2024, Friday 21st March 2025, Friday 20th June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025.

Term dates

These can be found attached to this letter.

Times of school day

School will start at 8.30am every morning and will either finish at 2.55pm (if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2) or 3.10pm (if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6). The older siblings will leave with their younger sibling at 2.55pm. If your child is in Terrific for Two's or Nursery the morning session will start at 8.30 am and finish at 11.30am. The afternoon session will start at 12pm and finish at 3pm.

Milk

During morning snack, children have access to their own carton of milk. If your child is over 5 years old they will need to pay for this milk. If you wish for them to have it, then a payment of £15 for the Autumn Term needs to be paid via the School Money app.

Toast

Children have access to toast every morning during snack time from year 1-6. There is a small charge of 10p per day if you would like your child to receive a slice of toast. The cost for Autumn Term will be £7.30 which needs to be paid via the School Money app.



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School meals

School meals remain popular with our children. However, due to rising costs, we unfortunately have to increase the amount for a school meal by 10p from £2.40 to £2.50 per meal. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to have a school meal, then payment needs to be made via the School Money app. However, if your child is in Reception to Year 2, then they are eligible for a free school meal.

We have an open-door policy, so please come and see us if you ever have any queries or concerns, and we will be happy to address them for you. There are many opportunities to come into school across the school year. This term we have 'Read with Me' which starts week beginning the 16th September for years Reception -Year 3 (please keep an eye on text messages for days and times for your child's year group). We also have parent meetings taking place the week beginning the 30th September. This provides an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled and are getting on with their work. We also provide workshops where we can share important information and provide an opportunity for you to work alongside your child - further information on these workshops will follow shortly.

As always, sincere thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Term Time: Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 25th October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Term Time: Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024

*Inset Day. Monday 2nd September and Friday 22nd November

Spring Term 2025

Term Time: Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Term Time: Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

*Inset Day Friday 21st March

Summer Term 2025

Term Time: Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Term Time: Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

* Inset Day Friday 20th June and Monday 21st July

*Inset Days – School and care are closed.

