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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to welcome you all back after the summer holidays. We are really pleased to see everyone back in school and eager to learn. Last week the children returned to school with a fantastic attitude to their learning and being back with their friends. Thank you very much for ensuring the children look smart in their uniforms and are arriving at school on time. They have all made an excellent start to the new academic year.

Timings

The school gates open at 8.40 am every morning and teachers are in classrooms waiting for the children from this time. Registration is now at the earlier time of 8.45 am so all children must be in their classrooms by this time for the register. Anyone who arrives after this time will be classed as late. Any pupils who arrive after 8.45 am must be signed in by an adult at the school office. We are now using an electronic system to record pupils' attendance at school.

Lunch time is from 12.00 noon until 12.50 pm.
School now finishes at the slightly later time of 3.15 pm.

Attendance

As you all know, we are working hard to improve the attendance across the school. Attendance at school is extremely important for supporting children's wellbeing and overall development. As you will have all heard in the media, the Government has been explicit in its intention to ensure excellent attendance at school for all children. This information was published in its document 'Working together to improve school attendance'. The expectation is clear: that every child should attend every session when the school is open. However, we do recognise that there will be exceptional times when it is not possible to attend school due to illness etc. When a child's attendance becomes a concern, Mrs Chaytor, who is the school's Safeguarding and Attendance Lead, will be in contact with parents to arrange a meeting. It is every parent's responsibility to ensure their children attend school regularly.

Uniform

As it's the start of a new term and a new academic year we are having a review of our school uniform to ensure that all pupils are wearing this. It is the expectation of the school that all children wear the specified school uniform, every day, and that they have the stated PE kit. Sandshoes are also part of the school uniform and must be provided for children to wear inside.



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- Black/grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
- White or royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Summer:

- Blue and white checked or striped dress
- Black/grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
- White or royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Please note that hoodies, tracksuit bottoms and jeans are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn at school.

Indoor PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Sandshoes

Outdoor PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black sweatshirt (this must be plain with no large logos)
- Black jogging bottoms and trainers

We are supporting our families with the cost of living crisis by ensuring our school uniform is as simple as possible and we also have the uniform swap shop where uniform items can be taken free of charge. This is located within the Eco Pantry but if you would like to get some free uniform from us, please contact Mrs Brear in the school office. We have an abundance of spare jumpers and cardigans and many of these are like brand new.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named so that any found items can be returned to their owner.

Jewellery

In the interest of safety, children must not wear jewellery in school. If a child has recently pierced ears and they are unable to remove their earrings, they must wear plain studs only and these must be taped over during PE lessons.

Information regarding uniform and jewellery is stated on the school website and is a requirement of the school.

Reading

Teaching the children to read is a priority for the school and to help us with this we need to continued support of all our parents. Please ensure that you read with your child at least 4 times a week and return their reading record to school. All children who read 4 times a week will have their names included in the weekly reading prize draw and will be in with a chance of winning a fantastic book to take home and keep. Regular reading helps children to become more confident and fluent.



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Key School Dates – Autumn Term 2023/2024

Please see below for some of the key events that will be happening over the autumn term. Additional events may be added, and some dates may be subject to change. A copy of these dates will be available on the school website shortly and further letters, with more detailed information, may also be sent nearer to the event dates.

Autumn Term

Whole School	Wednesday 6 th September	Pupils return
By invitation	Every Friday 3.00 pm	Celebration Assembly (School Ping sent)
Whole school	Every Tuesday afternoon	School nurse in school for parents to see
Parents	Every Thursday 8.50 am	Eco pantry/coffee morning/uniform shop/raffle/bingo etc.
Whole school	Thursday 28 th September	Macmillan coffee afternoon (cake donations requested)
Ticketed	Wednesday 11 th September	Harvest Festival – donations requested for Emmaus
Year 4	Tuesday 3 rd October	Swimming lessons start
Whole school	Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening
SEND	Wednesday 25 th October	Drop in session – 2.30 pm
Whole school	Thursday 26 th October	Halloween Disco
Whole school	Friday 27 th October	Staff Training Day – school closed
Whole school	w/c Monday 30 th October	Half Term week
Whole school	Monday 6 th November	Pupils return
Whole school	Friday 10 th November	Photos
Whole school	Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day
Whole school	Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day
By invitation	Monday 20 th November	Y5 booster swimming lessons
Whole school	Thursday 23 rd November	White Ribbon Day
Whole school	Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day – donations for Christmas Fayre requested
Year 5	Wednesday 6 th December	Educational Visit
Whole school	Thursday 7 th December	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day
Whole school	Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre
Ticketed	Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Christmas performance
Ticketed	Friday 15 th December	Y1 – Y6 Christmas performance



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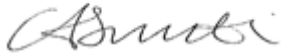
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SEND	Monday 18 th December	Christmas craft session – 2.15 pm
Whole school	Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas dinner – wear Christmas jumper or tinsel etc.
Whole school	Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas party afternoon

If you have any questions about anything in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



Claire Smith
Headteacher