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Dear Parents

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! The summer holidays have flown by and the weather seems to have taken a turn for the worse but never mind, it is nice to see all the children returning to school looking so smart and enthusiastic ready for a term of hard work.

Water Bottles

Thank you for providing your children with water bottles for them to use in class. There seems to be some confusion as to whether the bottles should stay in school for a week or be taken home every day. I think teachers asked children to keep them in school every day as they were concerned that children would forget to bring them on a daily basis. The old system that we had in school where water bottles were provided for children were only washed once a week. I have been informed that some parents would like for children to take them home so they can be washed every day. For this reason, I have decided that it is a parental decision as to whether you ask your child to leave their bottle in school or bring it home for daily washing. If your child forgets their water bottle, there will be some cups in the classrooms for drinks but again, due to hygiene issues, these will be disposable cups and the hope is that they will be only used rarely.

Homework Club

Some parents are disappointed that we are not offering homework club this term. I would like to thank Mrs Hickmott and Mr Miles for running this popular club. Mrs Hickmott is no longer able to do this as she is now supervisor at our new after school club, The Airfield Club. If any parent has problems regarding homework, please make an appointment to come and see me so we can talk about possible solutions. Mrs Benham will be talking about this to the parents of our pupil premium children when she carries out her structured conversations later in the term. If any parent feels that they could help Mr Miles run a homework club, their support would be very welcome, subject to the normal DBS checks that we carry out with all parent volunteers. I would like to be able to run a greater range of after school clubs so if there are any parents who feel they could offer a skill or talent that would appeal to our children, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Little Canada.

Our Year 6 children will shortly be going on their residential trip to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. This is a four-day trip from 18th -21st September and requires a high level of staffing as the staff are on duty day and night. The staff going to Little Canada are Mrs Sharman, Mrs Morton, Mr Clare, Mr Miles and myself. Cover arrangements are in place to ensure that a high quality education occurs while staff members are away. If you have any concerns whilst I am away, please do not hesitate to see Mr Blakely, our Deputy Head.

Meet the Teacher and Phase Leaders.

I look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher meetings on Monday evening. The Phase Leaders and teachers have lots of information to tell you about this term and there will also be the opportunity for you to see our new "Parent Pack" and Home School Agreement.

Just to confirm timings:

Key Stage 1 6.00-6.30 pm

Lower Key Stage 2 6.30-7.00 pm

Upper Key Stage 2 7.00-7.30 pm

This meeting is not for the parents of our Foundation children as the Meet the Teacher meeting was in the summer term and we will be holding a Phonics morning and a "Stay and Play" session later in the term.

The Phase Leaders can also be of use if you have a query that goes beyond your child's class and is of a more general nature.

The Phase leaders are:

Foundation Stage Miss Lord

Key Stage 1 Mrs Blakely

Lower Key Stage 2 Mrs Powell

Upper Key Stage 2 Mrs Sharman

School Uniform

Thank you for sending the children back this term looking so smart in their school uniforms. Mr Blakely has been going through the policy with the children and reminded them that earrings should be small gold or silver studs only. The policy is on the website for your information.

Playtime Snacks

Just to remind the parents of Year 3 children that the Government free fruit and vegetable scheme stops at the end of Year 2. It is a good idea to provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack if you think they will be hungry between breakfast and lunchtime.

School Clubs

Due to the staffing of our Little Canada trip, our clubs will start one week later than usual on Monday 25th September.

Dates

Please see the attached dates for this term attached to this letter.

I hope that your children have enjoyed their first week back at school and that you all have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Louisa Gurney
Head Teacher

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DATES

September

Monday 11th September - Meet the teacher – KS1 6.00pm / LKS2 6.30pm / UKS2 7.00pm

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st – Year 6 Little Canada Residential Trip

Wednesday 20th – F2 / Year 1 Harvest Festival Assembly in school – 9.00am

Friday 22nd – Years 2 – 5 – Harvest Festival – St Johns Church – arrive from 8.40am

Clubs start week 25th September

Tuesday 26th - FS2 Coffee Morning 8.45am followed by Phonics Meeting at 9.15am

Thursday 28th – School Photographs – individual and sibling

Thursday 28th - PTA AGM – 8.00pm

October

Friday 13th – PTA Disco (more details to follow)

Friday 20th – School closed – INSET day

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th – Half Term

Monday 30th – school returns 8.40am

November

Thursday 16th – F2 Stay and Play afternoon – 2.00pm (more details to follow)

Tuesday 21st – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm (more details to follow)

Thursday 23rd – Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 8.00pm (more details to follow)

Friday 24th – PTA Dress Down Day (more details to follow)

Wednesday 29th – Christingle Service – KS1 9.00am / KS2 9.30am

December

Saturday 2nd December – PTA Christmas Fair

Clubs finish week 4th December

Tuesday 5th – KS1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm

Wednesday 6th – KS1 Nativity Performance 6.00pm

Thursday 7th – KS1 Nativity Performance 6.00pm

Tuesday 12th – Christmas Dinner (tbc)

Tuesday 12th – Dress Down Day

Thursday 14th – Foundation Tableau 2.00pm (details to follow)

Wednesday 20th – School finishes 2.30pm

January

Wednesday 3rd – INSET day school closed

Thursday 4th – school returns 8.40am