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Dear parents/carers,

It certainly feels like it has been a busy first two weeks back. The children are fabulous and are all settling into their new classrooms and teachers. Please remember that if you need to speak to a teacher about anything then the office is happy to pass a message on and the teacher will ring you.

Bike-ability

Well despite the monsoon rain of last week the Year 4 pupils have managed to navigate their way through. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this valuable set of lessons and bring bicycles to school on a variety of days, to accommodate the ever-changing British weather.

Closed Monday 19th Sept

A quick reminder that we are closed on Monday 19th September for the Queen's funeral.

Earing's

Another reminder that wherever possible children should NOT be wearing earing's to school. They cannot take part in PE when wearing them. It is also a hazard when on the yard and lots of children running around. We do not want any child to be hurt however accidentally. If your child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks then they should cover their ears with plasters or medical tape at home prior to attending school. As soon as the piercings have healed, after a maximum of 6 weeks, then please remove the earrings daily for school.

Uniform

We are in the process of simplifying the uniform policy and I will publish an updated one in the coming weeks. However, we have lots of second hand and nearly new uniform in school. Please email or speak to staff and we can organise bags of uniform to go home with your child.

Can I thank everyone for making such an effort this term to come into school looking so smart, as a reminder plain black shoes or trainers with NO logos can be worn, that does not mean expensive branded trainers with logos or badges and coloured tags.

Parking

Please be aware that no parent or adult dropping off or collecting their child should park in the staff carpark, as there are too many children and adults around and it is not safe. There



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is plenty of parking next door and Fr Martin has also kindly offered for parents to use the church car park.

Safety

A huge thank you to our neighbourhood police officers who have been attending the area after school to ensure that our children and their parents are safe as they walk home. Please ensure that you know where your child is and that if they walk home on their own, you know their route.

Curriculum Parents Meetings

Year Group	Date	Time Slots (Choose One)
Reception Miss Rice Mrs Duffy	20th September 2022 – Changed due to the bank holiday for the queen	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Year One Mrs O’Neil / Mrs Watanabe Miss Young	3 rd October 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Year Two Mrs Langford Miss Dean	27 th September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Year Three Miss Cherry Mrs Meldrum / Mss McLean	22 nd September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Year Four Mr Bonnar Mr Peacock	30 th September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Year Five Miss McMaster Miss Dolphin	20 th September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Year Six Mrs Spencer Mr Allen Mrs Black	29 th September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Attendance

Please remember that we always want your child in school wherever possible, so that they can make the most of their learning.

The KS2 winning class for attendance this week was Mr Allen Year 6 and the KS1 winning class was Miss Dean Year 2.

House Point challenge

All pupils have been set a ‘House Point Challenge’ to be able to try and earn 1200 points next week. They can earn these for a wide variety of positive behaviours and learning efforts. In assembly this morning, they were really excited about finding lots of different ways to achieve this collective goal.

Golden Book Assembly

Today was the first one of the new year, and already we had some great awards brought in from clubs and activities out of school, from karting awards to swimming, football and darts, it is fantastic to hear about all the great things our pupils get up to out school. It is always a pleasure to celebrate our pupils' accomplishments both in and out of school.

Clubs

Letters have already been sent out about the new sports clubs which will be running each week and next week we will launch the new enrichment after school clubs list for your children to take part in. All of our staff give up their extra time to facilitate these and it is much appreciated.

Collection arrangement's

We listened to the overwhelming feedback from parents, last term, who did not like the length of time the socially distanced dismissal arrangements were taking, especially those who collect several children.

This year we have reduced the time between the first and last class to just 15minutes, obviously due to the monsoon rain last week and staff just learning the parents faces it has taken a bit longer, however safety is the priority.

Please could all adults and children continue to use the one-way pedestrian walkway across the car park. The congestion of parent's picking up and walking both up and down the single path is too much. Please come and stand on the lines when it is your child's class being called, Mrs McDine will be back with her signs to help you!

International Day of Peace

Next Wednesday <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace> and all the children will be completing some work on the messages supporting Ending Racism and Building Peace.

Staff and governors keep you and your families in our prayers.

Kind regards,

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