



Headteacher's Newsletter

5/9/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school and see our families again. The children have settled well into their new classes and have been working hard – just as we expect.

Building Work

I am sure that you will have noticed that we have building work taking place on the school site. The work is to replace drainage pipes and, when this has been completed, we are told this will solve the problem of sink holes. The work does not affect the children apart from not being able to use the field. We have been told that the building work should take another two weeks.

Uniform and Equipment

Please remember to send children in full school uniform with black shoes. A PE uniform must be worn and please remember that PE kits should only be brought in on PE days.

Only stud earrings may be worn, and these must be removed on PE days before the children come to school. Long hair should be secured by a bobble or plain hair band.

Children should not bring a bag to school, especially a rucksack as there is nowhere to store them safely in the classroom. Children should only bring their coat, a book bag for their reading book, a water bottle and a packed lunch box if required. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class information

All classes should be receiving a newsletter this week with information about topics for this half term. There will be an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' – a short meeting after school with class teachers – next week. Dates for this will be sent out soon.

School open and close times

School doors open at 8.45 and close at 9am when the register is taken.

Any pupils arriving from 9am should be brought into school via the office. This is marked in the register as late.

Any children arriving after 9.30 will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

School finishes at 3.15 on Monday – Thursday and 1.15 on Fridays.

Snacks in Key Stage 2

A reminder that pupils in Key Stage 2 may bring fruit for a snack at playtime. Pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have milk and fruit provided.

Changes to unauthorised absence fines.

I will be sending information out shortly about the changes that have been introduced regarding penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences. As you will be aware, we do not authorise visits abroad/holidays during term time, and this will continue. Penalty notices have now increased to £160 per parent per child or £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days. This increases with further visits during term time.

Nursery Places

We have places in our Nursery. Children may start with us in Nursery as soon as they are three. Our nursery is highly staffed and the staff within the unit are experienced and skilled.

Please call at the office for an application form if you would like your child to join us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher or either me or Mrs Begum – we will be happy to help. I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

With kind regards, Mrs H Edge