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Learning together in Faith and Joy

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Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful time together this summer –it's been lovely to hear all the children's stories about their holidays, and to see them coming to school so enthusiastically this week. The children have settled into classroom routines well and have already impressed their new teachers. Well done to all our pupils for such a great start to the new year.

School News

School Routines

The safety of our children is of the highest priority for us. We have clear guidelines that we must follow to ensure this and limiting the access of adults to the school is key. Therefore we ask that parents support us and allow their children to enter school independently in the mornings. This is a particularly busy time, so this approach will also enable the children to settle to their learning more quickly. We understand that you may need to share important information with school staff. We actively encourage this, and ask that if you wish to speak to a member of staff, you use the main entrance on Halifax Road. Mrs Sutton and Mrs Low will be only too happy to help. They will be able to pass on a message, arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher or ask them to ring you at a convenient time. You can also usually find Mrs Brown on the school yard at 8:50 and 3:30 and she is always happy to chat with you about your child. Parents will not be admitted through the pupil entrance, with the exception of organised events such as parents' evenings and open mornings. Parents should bring pupils to the main entrance if they arrive at school after 9am. School staff will make sure they get to their classrooms. We hope you understand that these measures are to ensure the safety of all our children and provide a positive start to the school day. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in our celebration assembly today:

Class 1 – Ruben, Tallulah, Mia, Sophie, Wilf
Class 2 – Estelle, Elizabeth, Max , Olivia, Mya
Class 3 – Molly, Flynn, Archie, Jack, Connie
Class 4 – Ollie , Lottie, Emily S, Zack, Arjun,
Class 5 – Molly, Ewan, Charlie , Isis, Daisy C
Class 6 – Carlen, Nancy S, Eliza, Jacob, George

Clubs

After school clubs will start on Monday 16th September and are 3:30 to 4:30 unless otherwise stated:

Monday

Gardening years 2 - 6 meet Mrs Marrison, Mrs Brown in the library

Tuesday

Football years 4,5 and 6 Mr Jordan – children should get changed and meet in the school hall at 3:30

DT – please contact the school office. There are a small number of places available. As this club is not delivered by school staff there is a charge for this - meet in class 5
Lunchtime Discovery Club years 1 and 2 Mrs Roebuck
Mrs Mackie meet in class 1

Wednesday

8am – **Hockey** year 6 Mrs Barton – enter through the pupil entrance

Cooking club year 2 Mrs Rusdale Mrs Bamforth – the children will bring a letter home about this next week

Thursday

8am – **Hockey** year 6 Mrs Barton – enter through the pupil entrance

Choir – years 2 – 6 meet Mrs Davies in class 6

Milk

If you would like your child to have milk you will need to order it by 4pm on Wednesday of the week before.

School Dinners

School dinners cost £10 for the week. You can pay weekly or half-termly – please pay in advance. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Year 6 trip Eden camp

Class 6 pupils are visiting Eden Camp on Tuesday 10th September as an introduction to their World War 2 topic this term. It is a fantastic trip and I am sure it will inspire them to learn more about this important period in our history.

Parents Information Evening

School will be open on Wednesday 18th September from 3:30 onwards for our annual parents' information evening. Staff will deliver a short presentation in the school hall at 3:45 to outline the key priorities for this year and classrooms will be open for you to visit. Pupils are welcome to accompany you and will be supervised in the IT suite by a member of staff during the presentation.

We hope to see you there.

National Poetry Day

We will celebrate our love of poetry on Thursday 3rd October; the children will read, perform and compose poetry during the day, and share their poems in a special assembly in the afternoon.

E-safety Week

We teach online safety throughout the year but this important theme will be explored in depth in the week beginning Monday 7th October.

Tim Pinto, the school's data protection officer, will be delivering workshops for pupils, parents and teachers on Tuesday 8th October.

Harvest festival

Friday 4th October

Parents' Evenings

- Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October – parents evening. Appointments will be from 4pm to 7pm. Forms to enable you to choose an appointment time will be sent out soon.

Friday 25th October – INSET
Monday 4th November – back to school