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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Welcome back to all our children and a special welcome to our new starters. We hope you all had an enjoyable Summer, and you were all able to enjoy some family time.

#### Breakfast and After School Care

Following on from the parent survey, we have spent a lot of time considering the running of the above. However, the survey findings and financial implications would not currently support a breakfast or after school club.

Another reason is the staffing of the sessions and where the sessions would take place. We have nowhere in school that is not a designated teaching space and using the sports hall would add further additional costs. The finding of the survey showed an inconsistent need for the sessions so using those figures it would not be financially viable.

The main purpose would be to provide wrap around care for the children and in no way make a profit but with the small numbers, the sessions wouldn't even break even. It is impossible for us to subsidise a club when the budget in our small school is already very tight. We carefully spend funds in school to ensure that the limited funds benefit the children as best we can.

As I'm sure that some of you are already aware, all schools will have to provide wrap around care by September 2024, so we are hoping that there will be additional government funding and support available to help school where it is not financially viable.

If anyone knows of an independent company who could provide this service in the same way as they do in some of our other Trust schools, then please do speak with us as we would love for this service to be made available.

#### Term dates

Next academic year's term dates can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

#### Start/Finish times

School begins at 8.50am. The gates will be opened at 8.45am and closed at 8.55am. Key Stage One children should line up against the perimeter wall and they will be allowed into school first. Key Stage Two should line up against the school wall and will be let in once Key Stage One are in. The registers close at 8.55am and after this time children are classed

as late. Minutes late are recorded and over time begin to affect their attendance percentage.

#### Uniform

Please remind yourself about the expectation of the school uniform on our [website](#). We particularly find that children are not always in the correct footwear. Hoodies can only be worn on PE days. This includes Year 6 leavers' hoodies although these can then be worn as part of the school uniform after the May half term. PE days are as follows: Class 1 and 2 on Tuesdays. Class 3 and 4 on Thursdays. All children (except Reception) should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

## Books

Each term, children from Years 2 to 6 have a book which they use to develop their reading skills. For the whole term children read the text and activities around the book are delivered at least three times a week. Last year, we photocopied the text for Key Stage Two so that all children could access the text and join in with whole class reading. From September, where parents are able, we are asking if they could buy the book so that each child has an actual copy of their own. We know that this is a big ask but we feel that it will really be of benefit to all children and the book will be theirs to keep at the end. This term, the books they will be studying are:

Class 3: KrindleKrax – author Phillip Ridley

Class 4: Floodlands – author Marcus Sedgwick

Previously, we have used World of Books website to purchase good quality second hand books.

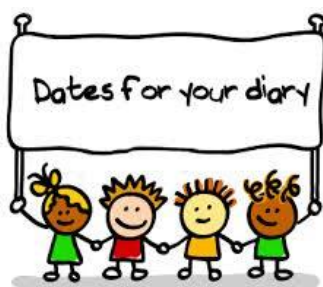
## After School Clubs

These will begin the week commencing the 18<sup>th</sup> September and a separate letter has been sent out.

## PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for the End of Summer Social which took place on Monday. The sun was shining, and it was a very successful event!

The PTA are looking for new members. Please see separate information which has been sent. The team would really appreciate any support with the running of their events.



## AUTUMN TERM 2023

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Class 4 Meet and Greet @ 3.45pm in Class 4

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming sessions begin for Class 4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Class 3 Meet and Greet @ 3.45pm in Class 3

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Class 1 Meet and Greet @ 3.45pm in Class 1

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Class 2 Meet and Greet @ 3.45pm in Class 2

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Parents' Evening (more details to follow at a later date)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Halloween Disco 3.45pm at the Sports Hall

We strongly recognise the part which parents play in their child's education. We can work together as a partnership to ensure that we all promote high standards of learning, behaviour and attitudes towards school so that all children can be the very best.

Yours sincerely

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Catherine Burrell  
Head of School

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Alison Oxtoby  
Executive Head Teacher