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NEWSLETTER 01 - 4th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

It was a great pleasure to walk through school this morning and see how quickly the children settled back into class and how happy they all were. If your child is new to school or has just joined the nursery, please feel free to catch me in the playground or come up to the office if you have questions or concerns at any time.

WELCOME

Miss Tyrrell has joined us as a Teacher in Willow Class. She has been very busy over the summer holidays and her class room is looking lovely. I am sure she will soon feel part of the team and that everyone will make her feel welcome.

WATER BOTTLES & PE KITS

All full time children need to bring a water bottle (tap water only) into school each day. They also need a PE kit at school every day (white t-shirt and black/navy shorts). **Please, please, please make sure they have these things in school every day and that all your child's possessions are named.** Thank you.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH CLUBS



Don't forget that Breakfast Club is available every morning, at a cost of £3.00, you can bring children from 8:00am. **Children in Year 1 and Year 2 who are currently in receipt of free school meals may attend breakfast club for free.** Lunch Club is also available from 11.50 - 1.00 pm (am pupils) and 11.15 am until 1.00 pm (afternoon pupils) at a cost of £2.50 per day with a packed lunch or £4.80 including a school dinner. Pupils taking up 30 hours free childcare can choose to pay for 30 hour lunch club at a cost of £2.00 with a packed lunch or £4.30 including a school dinner.

SCHOOL MEALS AND MILK

If you would like to view the school dinner menu please go to www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/menus - scroll down to primary schools, click on school meals menu, scroll down to Hallcroft Infant School. Laura, our cook, is always happy to support "fussy" eaters, she is careful to ask children if they like gravy etc and nobody will be made to eat anything, so please feel free to encourage your child to give school dinners a try. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal funded by the government.

Please ensure if you haven't already done so that you contact Cool Milk to pay for your child's milk. Their website address is: www.coolmilk.com or telephone 0844 854 2913. School will register children as they come into Nursery, however, when your child reaches the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free milk. School or yourselves should receive a reminder prior to them turning 5. School cannot take payment or resolve milk issues, please contact Cool Milk direct.

PAYMENTS

Please pay for Breakfast Club, Lunch Club and 30 hour Lunch Club in the following way: Payment in full for the following week to be made by the previous Friday, ie. paying on Friday for the following week. You will need to choose packed lunch/school dinners and will not be able to change until the following week. **CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAY UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID IN ADVANCE.** Please comply with this to avoid awkward situations for the office staff, if you have a particular difficulty then feel free to come and talk to me.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know all full time children are entitled to a universal free school dinner every day. If you think you are in receipt of specific benefits you may qualify for "free school meals". If this is the case school will fund your child's milk, trips and an initial set of school uniform as we get an extra amount of money for each child who registers as being entitled to free school meals. To check your eligibility or apply please log on to <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/schools/school-dinners/free-school-meals/> or phone 0300 500 8080.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



If your child is attending a club please ensure you pay (if required) & tell the office that your child will be attending. **If you need to pay when you collect your child, for safety reasons, please ensure the office know your child is staying.**

For Sports Club & Doncaster Rovers Football - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Please contact the office if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Club	Day	Cost	Times	Open to:	Availability
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 11 Sept)	£3.00	3:20-4:30 pm	Full Time	30 spaces
Cookery - Supercook Provider	Thursday (starting 12 Sept)	£3.00	3:20-4:20 pm	Year 1	12 spaces
Doncaster Rovers - Football	Thursday (starting 12 Sept)	Free	3:20-4:30 pm	Year 2	25 spaces

FAMILY CRAFTS - NORTH NOTTS COLLEGE

Five free sessions are available for you to do crafts with your child in school. These will start on Tuesday 17th September from 1pm to 3pm and are available to Reception children. Please book in at the office if you would like to do crafts with your child. You can send a grandparent if you can't come yourself.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENTS

This will take place as follows:-

Class	Time	Date
Oak	9:00 - 9:30 am	Tuesday 24 th September
Morning Nursery	11:00 - 11:30 am	Tuesday 24 th September
Afternoon Nursery	2:45 - 3:15 pm	Tuesday 24 th September
Rowan	2:15 - 2:45 pm	Friday 27 th September
Chestnut	2:45 - 3:15 pm	Friday 27 th September
Willow	9:00 - 9:30 am	Friday 27 th September

DISCO

School Disco will take place on Thursday 17th October at the following times:-

Nursery Children (F1/Acorns) 4:30 - 5:15 pm - an adult must stay to supervise

Reception (F2) 5:15 - 6:00 pm - no adults to stay

Year 1 & 2 6:00 - 7:00 pm - no adults to stay

The cost will be £2, letter to follow nearer the time.

ATTENDANCE

As most of you are aware, I am no longer allowed to authorise holidays in term time and these will be recorded as unauthorised. Details are in the attendance booklet (copy available on the website). Please continue to complete a holiday form, it helps with Safeguarding if we know where you are! If your child is going to be absent from school or due to arrive later than 9:00am please let us know, preferably before the start of the school day via a telephone call or answer phone message to the office. You can report your child absent as early in the morning as you like as we have an automated answer service. If we don't hear from you Mrs Bower will need to ring/text you before 9:15am. Your anticipated co-operation is greatly appreciated.

APPOINTMENTS



If you need to make doctors/dentist appointments, please do this at certain times, ie. not at register times, then your child's attendance will remain high. If children miss the register am or pm they are counted as absent for the whole session, however if they register and go at 9:20, for example, they are counted as attending the whole session. The system is strange, I know but we don't choose it.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that you ensure school has up to date contact details for parents/carers, in particular if you change your mobile phone number, please let Mrs Bower know straight away.



ASTHMA/MEDICINES



In line with Government regulations we are not allowed to administer medicines in school, unless it is prescribed as 4 times a day. This is the case for all children unless your child's significant medical needs require an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) that is written in partnership with Health professionals.

If your child has Asthma and needs an inhaler in school, please collect a Parent Consent Form from Mrs Bower in the office and return this to school as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GOVERNORS STATEMENT

The Annual Governors' Budget Statement relating to the financial year 2018-2019 is available to view in the school office on request.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Celebration Assembly will continue on Fridays for full time children during which children will get certificates for behaviour and effort related to their learning. If your child gets a certificate or award etc from an activity they do outside school they are welcome to share it in assembly on Fridays. Just bring it to me in the office. The children will continue to work towards Reading Incentives and Gold Box treats.

HOLIDAY & INSET DATES

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>First Day of Closure</u>	<u>School Re-opens</u>
Autumn Half-Term	Monday 21st October 2019	Monday 4th November 2019
Christmas 2019	Monday 23rd December 2019	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Spring Half-Term	Monday 17 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter Holidays	Monday 6 th April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day	Friday 8 th May 2020	Monday 11 th May 2020
Summer Half-Term	Monday 25 th May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
INSET DAY	Monday 6th July 2020	
Summer 2020	Friday 24 th July 2020	

DIARY DATES

Sports Club starts	Wednesday 11th September - full time children only
After school - Doncaster Rovers	Thursday 12 th September - Year 2
After school - Cooking	Thursday 12 th September - Year 1
North Notts Family Craft course	Tuesday 17th September for 5 weeks - Reception
MacMillan Coffee Event	Tuesday 24 th & Friday 27 th September
Harvest Festival	9:00 am & 2:15 pm Tuesday 15 th October
Disco	Thursday 17 th October
Indian Experience Day	Monday 11 th November
Children in Need	Friday 15 th November

We are looking forward to another busy year and I will continue to work towards more parent involvement in school. If you have free time (!!!) and would like to volunteer in school, please come and speak to me.

Joanne Cook, Head Teacher