

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of another exciting year at Misson Primary School, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday.

I am pleased to see that the children have made a great start to the new school year, and are already working hard.

On Wednesday 11th September we are having our **parents welcome morning** from 9am to 10am where all parents are welcome. Please drop your children off as normal, then make your way to the hall, where tea and coffee will be available from the kitchen. Our school chef will be available to answer any questions about the new lunch menu and anything else related to school lunches. At around 9 am parents will be able to join their children in their classrooms (the teachers need a few minutes to take the registers and settle the children down).

The teachers will be putting out activities that you can do with your children if you would like, but there is also an opportunity for you to speak informally with your child's teacher and have a look in other classrooms around the school. Tea and coffee will continue to be served in the hall where there will be some tables and chairs so parents can sit and chat. Please feel free to write comments in the comments book which will be available in the hall.

Exciting changes to school dinners.

Mrs Holdsworth (our school chef) would like me to remind you that sandwiches and jacket potatoes will be available on alternate days as an optional choice to the excellent hot dinners that she provides. This will give all children a choice of two different meals each day.

Individual Photographs

The **school photographer** is in school on **Wednesday 18th September**. If you have preschool children and want their picture taking with an older brother or sister, please come to the hall before school starts. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform, with a jumper or cardigan.

We will publish a full list of dates for the year ahead next week.

School grounds

We are sorry that the school grounds, including the field are not looking their best. Unfortunately, our grounds maintenance contractor did not make their usual visit in the holidays, and when they arrived on Monday, they had only just started when a flat tyre on the mower meant that no further work was done. Mr Smith kindly mowed the KS2 playground area on Tuesday, in addition to all his usual duties. We hope that the outstanding grounds maintenance will be completed by our contractor early next week.

Midday Supervisor Job

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the school, and get to know our fabulous children, and is a very rewarding role. If you are unable to commit to 3 days, we are happy for 2 or 3 people to share the role. Please come and talk to Mrs Mitchell or Mr Birch if you think you could help us out. We also wish Miss Daines well in her new job of Teaching Assistant, who has done the midday job since January.

Reminders

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have followed the **school uniform policy** and sent their children with the correct clothing. Having all children smartly dressed in the correct uniform helps build a positive cohesive atmosphere in school, which in turn fosters a good attitude to learning. By sending your children with the correct uniform you help staff focus their time on the important task of teaching your children, rather than checking their uniform. If you have not yet got all the items your child needs, please can you make sure they have them for the start of next week.

The **main changes** for this year are regarding footwear, and the following is from our current uniform policy which was sent to parents in June, and is also available on our website.

Children will need a pair of **smart black shoes** (without heels), which they will wear inside school, and a pair of trainers or wellies to wear to and from school, and at playtimes. School shoes should be left in school so they are always available.

I have noticed that a number of children have plimsolls for indoor use, which are not the same as school shoes. School shoes will also be worn on visits out of school, such as going to church, and on trips such as visiting museums. Plimsolls would not be suitable for these activities.

We are now cashless- All payments for dinners, trips, breakfast and afterschool club will need to be made using ParentPay. Cash and cheques can no longer be accepted.

Contact details – Please make sure you keep your contact details up to date, these include mobile phone numbers and email address. We have had some parents missing important information because we did not have their correct details. If any contact information has changed, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Breakfast and After School Clubs – To enable our successful clubs to continue to run smoothly, please could all parents and carers make sure they give 24 hours' notice to cancel a pre booked place, to avoid being charged. Can you also make sure places are paid for in advance.

Children having packed lunches – Please can you ensure that your child does not bring nuts, or food containing nuts into school, as we have several children with severe allergies to them. Could you also make sure your child has a drink and any cutlery they need to eat their packed lunch.

I look forward to seeing you next week at the welcome morning.

Yours Sincerely

John Birch