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TUPTON PRIMARY AND NURSERY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Congratulations to Miss Hobson's reception class who won the Best Attendance prize for the week ending 19 July 2019.

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term dates for 19/20 have been posted on Class Dojo and the school website. If you need a paper copy, they are available in the leaflet holder on the corridor down to the hall.

Tupton Hall

There is an Open Evening at Tupton Hall today, 12 September at 6:00-8:00pm for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

School Gates

Children MUST NOT swing on the school gates whilst Roger (School Caretaker) is opening and closing them.

Payments to school

As we are now an academy, there are some slight changes with cheque payments to school. School dinner money cheques should now be made payable to **Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy**.

Payments for school trips, pantomime, uniform orders etc. should still be made payable to **Tupton Primary School** until further notice.

Please can we also remind parents that any payments, cash or cheques, sent in to school should be in an envelope or money bag, clearly labelled with your child's name and what the payment relates to and placed the classroom register basket. Thank you.

School Grounds

Dogs are not allowed within the school grounds (even if they are being carried).

School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £2.10 per day, £10.50 per full school week, £79.80 up to half-term. Can we please remind parents that if your child changes from dinners to sandwiches or visa versa, please inform the school office. Please send your child with their dinner money in an envelope, put their name and class on the envelope and ask them to put it in the register basket in their classroom. We would like everyone to put the money in the register basket, but if it is a large amount you may hand it into the office in an envelope with your child's name and class.

Jewellery

Children are allowed to wear a watch and stud earrings (children must be able to remove their own earrings for PE and swimming).

Personal Belongings

Please can we ask all parents to label all children's uniforms, bags, PE kit, shoes etc. Then, if items get lost, we can so easily return them if they are labelled.

Mobile Phones/Scooters

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones with them to school if they are walking to and from school by themselves. The phones must be switched off and handed in to the school office and collected at the end of the day. Children are permitted to come on their scooters provided they do not block the entrance to the school and are aware of others whilst riding them on pavements. The scooters can be kept in the bike store within the car park. Scooters are not to be ridden on the school playground. The school does not accept any responsibility for scooters or mobile phones on school premises.

A Safeguarding Message

We hope you all have enjoyed the holiday with friends and family! Staff in school are always happy to talk to parents and carers, and there will always be someone available to anyone in the morning by the gates for you to talk to. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, TA, the office, Mrs Willock or Miss Richards to discuss any concerns or ask questions. The care and happiness of your child is our main priority in school and is fundamental to everything we do. If anything has happened over the summer that you wish to tell us, please contact school urgently. Knowing what is happening in children's lives really affects the way we can be able to support and help them.

Reporting School Absence From School

We all know children get ill and need to have time away from school to recover. When Calpol doesn't do the trick and you feel your child needs to be at home resting, please contact our office on 01246 862191 by 9:00am on the day of illness. If parents and carers cannot be reached, a mark of unauthorised absence will be noted on your child's records. We want to try to avoid this at any cost and need your help with this.

New Routines

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in school. Mornings are an important part of the day for our teachers and children to begin the day together. You will help to create this calm start for your child by making sure they are brought class by 8:55am (in preparation for registration at 9:00am).

Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? Our school benefits from additional funding by you registering, even if you prefer to provide a lunch for your child from home. There are 3,000 children in Derbyshire, all entitled to free school meals that have not yet applied. It is your right to receive free school meals support if you are eligible. If you receive any of the following, you are eligible: • Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400. • Income Support • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 • The guarantee element of Pension Credit • Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) • Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You can register for this by contacting our school office.