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'Our school will provide the best possible education for all pupils.

We will instil in them an enjoyment and thirst for learning to enable them to fulfil their potential and excel in all they do'.

September Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have settled into their new classrooms and have been working hard in their lessons today.

Playground rules

To ensure the safety of everyone after school, children have been reminded to follow these rules:

- At the end of the school day it is difficult for teachers to supervise the children. Therefore, for their own safety, children are not allowed to play on the climbing frame or fitness equipment.
- Children or adults are not allowed to ride scooters or bikes on the playground or along pathways as this can be dangerous for other users, particularly younger pre-school siblings.

It would be helpful if parents could support the school in ensuring these safety measures are followed.

The school day

- Children should arrive at school from 8.40am and be in their classrooms ready for registration at 8.55am. Children should not be on the school grounds before this time unless this has been agreed with the class teacher. Children are not supervised before 8.40am.
- Children are dropped off at the gate and walk to their classrooms - teachers are on duty at both gates from 8.40am and so are Year 6 prefects who are there to escort younger children.
- At the present time, there are two entrances that can be used first thing in the morning. Parents should choose to use whichever is most convenient. Parents of younger children may want to choose the one that enables them to see their child walk all the way to their classroom.

- As a reminder:
 - Classes 2T, 1H, 1S, Chestnut and Willow are accessed via the front pathway.
 - All of the junior classes, 2S and Chestnut and Willow classes are accessed via the playground. Please note that reception children can enter through either Chestnut or Willow classroom doors once they start school. Extra staff will be on duty to direct the children into their classrooms for the first couple of weeks of the term.
- Both gates are locked at 8.55am. Any child who arrives after this time should be taken to the front entrance of the school and signed in.
- All infant children are released to parents/carers by their teacher on to the infant playground at the end of the school day.
- All junior children are released on to the junior playground.

Communication with teachers

If parents wish to pass on a message or communicate with their child's teacher there are a number of ways in which this can be done:

- Tell the teacher on morning gate duty who will pass on the message.
- Contact the school office (in person or by phone) to pass on a message or make an appointment to see the class teacher
- Place a note in the child's book wallet. These are checked by staff every day (in the infants).
- Speak to the teacher after school - all teachers are generally out on the playground at the end of the day and are available to talk with parents.
- All classrooms will be open to parents on the first Thursday of every month - if you wish to speak with your child's class teacher about anything then please make use of this facility.

Year group Parent Information meetings

Over the next few weeks, parents will be invited in to school to meet their child's new class teacher and hear about what the children will be learning over the year. If time permits, there will also be an opportunity to visit classrooms. Information given out at these meetings will be placed on the school web site for those parents who are unable to make these dates.

Homework

All homework is placed on the school web site, so if your child is unsure about anything then that is the place to look. As well as homework, there will be links to web sites that support the learning undertaken in class.

Parent Partnership Group Meeting

I will be holding the first Parent Partnership meeting of this year on Friday 30th September at 9am. These meetings are very informal and are organised to give parents the opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of the school. (They are not a platform to raise individual issues - this should be done through communication via the school office) Some of the items on the agenda for this meeting are: Trips policy; Marking Policy; Behaviour and Anti-bullying Policies and school uniform. All parents/carers are welcome and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you are able to attend, then please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to your child's class teacher. If

you are unable to attend but would like an item added to the agenda then please email these to the school office.

Whole School Debate

Year 6 pupils will be leading our whole school debate which will take place on the last day of this half term. The question for debate will be decided upon by the school council very shortly.

Labels

We would like to remind you to please label any clothes, plimsolls, water bottles and lunchboxes, so that we can return lost property to the rightful owner. The school will not be held responsible for any items that are lost.

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 12 th September	-	New Reception children start part-time. Y5 Parent Information Meeting @ 9am
Tuesday 13 th September	-	Y2 Parent Information Meeting @ 9am
Wednesday 14 th September	-	Y1 Parent Information Meeting @ 9am
Friday 16 th September	-	Y6 Parent Information Meeting @ 9am
Monday 19 th September	-	New Reception children start all day. Y6 visit to Parliament - details to follow Y5 Bikeability - details to follow
Tuesday 20 th September	-	Y3 Parent Information Meeting @ 9am
Wednesday 21 st September	-	Y4 Parent Information Meeting @ 9am Road Safety Workshop Y1 - Y4
Thursday 22 nd September	-	FoSA Inflatables Evening - details to follow
Thursday 29 th September	-	Individual School photographs
Friday 30 th September	-	Parent Partnership Meeting @ 9am
Wednesday 19 th October	-	Parents' Evening - details to follow
Thursday 20 th October	-	Parents' Evening - details to follow
Monday 24 th October		
Friday 28 th October	-	Half term - school closed
Monday 31 st October	-	INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 1 st November	-	School reopens.

Thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor
(Head Teacher)

I confirm that I am able to attend the Parent Partnership Meeting on Friday 30th September 2016.

Child's name..... Class.....

Signed.....(Parent/carer signature)



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