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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,

A big welcome back to the children and a huge thank you to parents for supporting us in implementing the new uniform policy. The wearing of ties and branded cardigans and V neck sweatshirts really has helped in terms of whole school consistency and presentation and all the children look very smart.

Year R pupils

We look forward to meeting our newest pupils on Monday. I am sure that they will settle in well and enjoy their learning.

Year 6 pupils

Well done to the Year 6 pupils this week who have been on the playground helping the children to their new classrooms - you are proving to be very responsible!

Communication

Communication with parents is an area that we try to improve year on year. I know that much administration time is spent on sending out communication about clubs, sports fixtures and trips etc. and we try to give as much notice about these as possible. All events should be on the school web site and I will try and keep parents informed as much as possible through monthly newsletters.

Likewise, 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 to your child's teacher.

- if you wish to make an appointment to see the class teacher, then organise this with the school office (by phone or email). Mrs Humphries is also at the front desk in the mornings to pass on messages.
- Give your child a note to pass on to the teacher (or place a note in the child's book wallet if in Year R and Year 1 as these are checked by staff every day).
- Speak to the teacher after school - all teachers are 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 information mornings

Don't forget to attend the information mornings if you can. These set out the expectations for the year and the curriculum that will be followed. You may also get the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and see your child in action! If you are unable to attend the meeting, then do not worry as all of the information will be available on the school website on your child's class page.

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. At times, there may be small technical issues that arise. If this happens, then please raise these with the teacher who will quickly sort them.

School Council

The school council will be elected very soon and these children will be introduced to the school community once they have been assigned formal roles.

Inflatable evening

FOSA's inflatable evening for the children is on Friday 5th October so please look out for communication about this from FOSA who very much look forward to seeing everyone there!

Book Fayre

The school's annual book fayre is arriving on the 10th October. A separate communication will be sent out about this shortly.

Harvest Festival

The school's Harvest Festival is taking place on Monday 8th October. As in previous years this will be led by Reverend Ken from St Andrew's Church. Unfortunately, due to lack of space parents cannot be accommodated at this event but photos will be taken for parents to view on Twitter and the school's web site. Donations in the form of canned or dry foods can be sent in to school the week before and these will be shared between a local Charity and local nominated residents.

Bog Eyed Jog

The annual Bog Eyed Jog is taking place on the last Friday of this half term - a separate communication will be sent out about this.

Open Mornings

We have organised a number of open mornings for prospective parents which are always very well attended. If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child to Scotts then please direct them to the school web site where dates will be published shortly.

Safeguarding

All staff undertook annual safeguarding training during the September INSET days. In line with the new guidelines published in the Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018 document, there have been several amendments and additions made to the school's safeguarding and child protection policies which can be viewed on the school's web site once these have been agreed with governors at the Full Governing Body Meeting on the 17th October.

The school is holding its annual safeguarding Week from 1st - 5th October. Along with in-school training, staff will also be attending various safeguarding events organised by the Local Authority. The children will also be learning how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations.

Safeguarding is a key feature of the school's annual cycle of training (for staff and pupils) and school improvement. It is an item on the weekly staff and senior leader meeting agendas and continues to remain a priority of this school at all times.

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.

Labels

Finally, I 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 cannot be held responsible for any items that are lost.

School bags

Another reminder - Infant pupils should only bring their book bag to school. The tiny cloakrooms cannot accommodate back packs and these become a trip hazard in the classrooms. Likewise, the junior lockers are limited in space and can only accommodate one small school bag (if needed) and one drawstring PE bag.

Thank you all for your continued support - we are looking forward to another highly successful year!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs J Taylor
(Head Teacher)

Dates for Your Diary:

Wednesday 26 th September	-	School Nurse Drop -in session from 3pm
1 st - 5 th October	-	Y5 Bikeability week - details to follow
Tuesday 2 nd October	-	Individual School Photographs
Friday 5 th October	-	FoSA Inflatables after school
Monday 8 th October	-	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 10 th October	-	Book Fair details to follow
Tuesday 16 th October	-	Whole school Debate led by Y6
Tuesday 16 th October	-	Parents Evening 3:30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 17 th October	-	Parents Evening 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday 19 th October	-	Bog-Eyed Jog - details to follow.
22 nd - 26 th October	-	Half Term Holidays
Monday 29 th October	-	INSET Day - School Closed
Tuesday 30 th October	-	Children return to school

