

## **Dear Parents & Carers**

We have had a great start to the new school term. The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year. We hope your children and families had a wonderful summer.

This week in school, children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been learning about how we learn and developing a positive 'growth mindset'. The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a 'growth mindset' is open to constructive guidance, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance. Ask your child what they already know about how the brain works and how we best learn.

**Mrs Reay, Headteacher**

## **School Works**

During the school holiday we undertook a range of works. We have had new fences and gates installed around the exterior of the playgrounds. We have also removed trees, weeds and bushes from the top of the entrance and will soon be landscaping the soiled areas. Plants and flowers will be planted around a shingled space. New school signs will hopefully be installed soon and replace outdated information. In the Key Stage 2 playground we have a new bin storage area and fences around the back of the kitchen. We have also removed the curtains from the cupboards in the school hall and installed new doors. Harrisons, our new caterers, have installed new signage, purchased lunchtime benches, a tidy away area and a new salad bar unit. The area in the hall is now fresh, clean and purposeful.

## **Uniform**

The children look very smart in their school uniform and most are fully equipped. Please can all parents and carers ensure that clothing is labelled so items misplaced can be returned to the correct child. Thank you.

We have also noticed that a small number of pupils are wearing trainers. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing black shoes only.

## **Curriculum Information**

Teachers will be sending out curriculum overviews next week and should be useful for parents and carers. PE sessions will begin next week and all children will need their kit in school. This year the children will be having a whole afternoon of PE which will include games, dance and gymnastics.

## **Arrival to School (new procedures)**

Many children arrive promptly into school at 8:45 and are collected by their class teachers in either playground to go into class. Children arriving later currently enter the school by the front office. At times this has created space difficulties. Therefore, children arriving between 8:50- 9:00 (after their class has gone in) will need go into the playgrounds and will be guided by a TA into classes. The main gate doors will remain open until 9:00 AM. If a child arrives after 9:00 AM they will need to go to the front office and sign in as late.

A gentle reminder: that children need to walk their scooters and bikes down the school path.

## Key Dates for the School Year 2018- 19

Please look at the dates below and add them to your personal diaries. We will be adding more events in future newsletters.

Event	Date	Venue/ Information
<b>September</b>		
Triple P Parenting Course ( see Miss Edwards if interested)	Tuesdays 11 <sup>th</sup> September- 16 <sup>th</sup> October from 9:30- 11:30	TFG room
New Parents Meeting for Nursery and Reception Pupils	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> at 1:45	Drama Studio
Individual & sibling photo shoot	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> ( morning)	Drama Studio
Year 4 Swimming Starts	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> PM	Tiddenfoot Swimming Pool
Year 1 Homework information session for parents/ carers	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM	Drama Studio
Harvest Festival Assembly led by Reception and Nursery Pupils Parents and Carers to attend	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM	School Hall
Years 3 and 4 Boys Football Local Event (pupils will be selected- letter to follow)	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> 2:00- 4:00	Cedars Upper School Adults may attend from 3:30. Please collect your child if they are attending.
McMillian Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> at 8:45- 10:00 AM	School Hall
Non- Uniform for all Pupils in aid of McMillian Cancer Support	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils in school to bring in a voluntary donation of £1
<b>October</b>		
Flu Jabs (separate letter to be sent)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> - all	Medical Room School Nurse Team
Education Welfare Officer Meetings (Letters will be sent to individual parents)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> AM	Meeting Room
Read, Write Inc Introductory Workshop (How we teach Reading, Phonics and Writing) for new parents of pupils in nursery, reception or year 1	<b>2 sessions</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 2:30- 3:15 and 6:00- 6:45	TFG/ ICT suite room
Years 3 and 4 Football Festival (pupils will be selected- letter to follow)	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> 2:00- 4:00	Linslade Middle School Adults may attend from 3:30. Please collect your child if they are attending.
E- Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30- 3:10	TFG/ ICT suite room
Parents and Teacher Consultation Meeting (letters to follow)	<b>2 sessions</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> 3:30- 5:30 PM Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> 3:30- 7:00 PM	Classrooms Please enter via the main door and sign in the hall on arrival.
Run for Fun Festival for pupils in year 1, 2, 3 or 4 (pupils will be selected and letters sent home)	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 2:30- 4:00	Brooklands Middle School Adults may attend from 3:30. Please collect your child if they are attending
School breaks up for half term (last day)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> at 3:15	

Autumn Half Term Holiday	Week Beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Children return back to school	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Please note the school is shut for INSET on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>November</b>		
Years 3 and 4 Rugby Festival (pupils will be selected- letter to follow)	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> 1:30- 4:00	Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club Adults can spectate Please collect your child if they are attending
Years 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics (pupils will be selected- letter to follow)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> 1:45- 4:30	Cedars Upper School Adults may attend from 3:30. Please collect your child if they are attending
Children in Need BBC (National Charity Day) (Information to follow)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Anti-Bullying Week (Information to follow)	Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> November	
Road Safety Week (Information to follow)	Week beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>December</b>		
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production (Information to follow)	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 2:15 PM	The performance will last for approximately 45 minutes in the school hall
Years 3 and 4 Christmas Carols	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30	The performance will last for approximately 30 minutes in the school hall
Nursery and Reception Christmas Songs	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30	The performance will last for approximately 30 minutes in the school hall.
The Snow Queen Production/ Panto for all children in school	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> PM	This production has kindly been funded by CBA.
Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> PM	Letters to follow
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> PM	Letters to follow
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> PM	Letters to follow
Whole School Christmas Meal	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> (lunchtime sessions- 2 settings)	Letters to follow
School breaks up for half term (last day)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> at 3:15	
Christmas Holiday	Week Beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Please note the school is shut for INSET on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>		
Parent and Teacher Consultation Meetings	<b>2 sessions</b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30- 5:30 and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30- 7:00	Classrooms Please enter via the main door and sign in the hall on arrival