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Newsletter No.1 - 10th September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new Reception children's families.

The children have settled in very well to our new routines. Thank you for your support in enabling the children to have a good start to the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome parents onto the school grounds and invite you into the children's classrooms to meet the teachers.

Now that we can invite visitors into school we would be grateful for any volunteer helpers to come in to help with reading and other school activities. If you are able to help, please return the Helper Form which was sent out earlier this week. Copies are available for you to pick up from the school porch.

Thank You!

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say a big thank you to you for lovely gifts that we received at the end of last term. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

New Library and Y2 Outdoor Classroom

During the Summer holiday we have made some significant changes to the inside of our school. Building work took place to relocate our library to a lovely new space which was the central classroom. This area will now be a new library and breakout area for working groups. The school corridor has been opened up with the removal of two small walls and work benches have been installed to make a new ICT area containing new Chromebooks. There is more space in the corridor for small working groups too. The library will be finished in October when the furniture will be fitted.

The new Y2 outdoor classroom is near completion. Benches were installed this week and blinds to make the area weather proof will be fitted this term. Y2 were already making good use of this wonderful additional space last term.

Welcome Meeting—Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all of the Y1 and Y2 parents who came along to the Welcome Meetings today. We hope that you found them informative. Copies of the presentations are available on our website to view if you were unable to join us today.

Diary Dates

We are pleased to enclose diary dates up to Christmas which includes the term dates for this year and the activities we can now plan for the children. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible for forthcoming dates and activities.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is unwell please report their absence by calling or sending an email to the school office by 9.00am. Please tell us the reason and symptoms for them not attending school that day.

Please can we ask you to take their temperature and include this in your message to us. Thank you for your understanding.

Bookbags

Just a reminder for all children to bring in their bookbags and water bottles every day. Reading books will be changed once a week.



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School Gate

Please can we ask that you ensure the school gate is always closed behind you. It must not be propped open at drop off and pick up times to ensure of the safety of all of our children. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Dogs at Drop-Off and Pick Up

If your family dog accompanies you to drop-off and pick up you are welcome to tie them to our school fence. Please ensure they are tied up along the pathway and away from the school gate entrance. Some children are not confident around dogs and it can be upsetting for them to walk passed a dog sitting by the gate entrance. Thank you.

School Equipment

Our outdoor classrooms and equipment must only be used by children during school hours when they are supervised by a member of staff. Please ensure that children and their siblings do not play on the equipment or go into the woodland area at drop off and pick up. This is for safety reasons as our insurance does not cover this. Thank you.

Collection Rota Sheet—Please return

The children will be bringing home a Collection Rota sheet today. This sheet will advise the teaching staff who will be picking your child up on the relevant days. A copy is also enclosed with this newsletter and in the school porch. Please return the form to your class teacher. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheet—Please return

The children will be bringing home a Data Collection sheet today. This sheet shows the information that we have on our records for you. Please check the information is still correct and if there has been any change to your circumstances please amend the sheet and return it to your class teacher. Thank you.

Cool Milk

When your child turns 5 years of age they will stop receiving daily milk as part of the government scheme. If you wish your child to continue to receive milk please sign up for this on the Cool Milk website. [Click Here](#)

Wellington Boots

Please can you send in a pair of named wellington boots with your child for them to keep in school. The children are spending time in the woodland throughout the day and the ground is beginning to stay damp they will change into their wellingtons to keep their feet dry.



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PE on a Tuesday and Additional PE Lessons

Just a reminder that the children will have a PE lesson every Tuesday with Mr Clark. Please send your child(ren) to school in full PE kit. PE will be taught outside so please ensure they have sufficient clothing to keep them warm.

Teachers will be teaching an additional PE lesson on the set days below. Please send your child in to school in full PE kit on these days.

YR—Monday

Year 1 and Year 2 —Thursday

Morrisons—It's Good to Grow

We have registered as a Morrisons Growing School for their Good to Grow gardening scheme. Between 6th September and 24th October you can collect one grow token for every £10 spent in a Morrisons store or online and donate these straight to our school via the Morrisons app or website. After the collection period ends we will be able to redeem our Grow Tokens for a wide range of gardening equipment for our school. Please download the Morrisons app or go onto their website to start collecting tokens.

Best wishes

Lucy McNeil