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Dear Parents and Carers,

It really has been lovely seeing some normal routines in school. The children are enjoying a little more freedom.



Watching the children in the library enjoying books together and hearing the children learn about new themes in class, some of them a little mucky, has been wonderful. There is a real buzz around school.

Dates

Last week we looked carefully at dates for the year ahead. Some dates have been put in the diary with our fingers well and truly crossed. These dates will be placed in the school diary so if you have registered for the sims app then you should have access to all of these. The app enables you to update our records of your contact details. This is always of the highest importance in case we need to contact you.

I would like to alert you to a few dates around the corner. **On Wednesday 6th October and Wednesday 13th October** we have teachers available for online parent and teacher meetings. These meetings give you an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in. These meetings will be for all parents in Year R through to Year 6. Details of how to book these will follow this week. You will be able to book the meeting by completing a google form online. The form must be completed by **Wednesday 29th September** so that we can get appointments booked in and invites sent to you on google classroom.

There is also an online meeting with Mrs Harrison, the Key Stage 1 Leader, for Year 1 parents on **Monday 4th October at 5pm**. We will send all Year 1 parents an invite to the meeting.

Home-time Collection

If your child is walking home or being collected by another parent, please let us know. Contact the office and they will pass the information on or send in a note to your child's teacher.

Class Charts

Last Friday afternoon there were so many wonderful golden time activities taking place. There were very few children who lost golden time and therefore enjoyed their reward. Our school behaviour policy can be found on the school website. I would recommend all our new families have a read of this. Year 1 are slowly being introduced to the policy and it will be discussed at the Year 1 meeting.

There is a class charts app that you are able to have on a device. It enables you to know if your child has lost any golden time on any one day and more importantly if they have kept it. Having this app and talking to your child about it daily is great as your child will then know that you are tracking their behaviour in school. The system alerts you to any time lost and the reason for it. You need your email address and a password. New families will have already been sent instructions and a temporary password. Year 1 will have these after the meeting.

If you are an existing family and have lost the details, then please contact the office and we will organise this for you.

Clubs

We are offering children in Years 2-6 the chance to join in with a lunchtime or after school club. An email with an online form was sent yesterday. We are fortunate enough to have a number of staff volunteer to run these clubs. We will try to accommodate as many pupils as possible. If we can't offer your child their chosen club, then we will try to do this in the spring or summer term. It is important to complete the form by the deadline please. Please talk to your child about the club when you sign them up as they must commit to the 9 weeks - this is important as dropping out wastes a place that another child may have been allocated. At this point in the year we do not offer clubs to Year 1 but we will do in the spring term.

PTA

Our PTA met last night. We have fantastic parents on the committee and I had the pleasure of chatting with them yesterday to talk through plans for some lovely events this year. It would be great to have a few more parents help us. If you are able to spare an hour once a month and to occasionally help at events such as school disco's then please contact the PTA on their Facebook page or message us in school and we will pass your details on.

Birthday Treats

A few parents have been asking if they can start sending a little birthday treat in on their child's birthday. We stopped this during the height of the pandemic, but we are now happy to accept these. We will always send them home with the children and not allow them to eat in school.

Assuring you of my best attention at all times.

Yours sincerely,



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