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Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for being so well prepared and organised yesterday. The start to everyone's day went very smoothly and successfully thanks to everyone being in the right place at the right time with the right equipment. The children made a really positive start in their classes with their new teachers and were happy to be back in school with their friends again.

There are a couple of points to note about drop off and collection having put our plans into place for the first time yesterday. It is important for everyone's safety and for people to be able to be able to get to work, that all parents park considerately to ensure people can walk safely from the car park to the path and that nobody gets blocked in. We also ask that you stay in your cars until a couple of minutes before your drop off or collection time to allow the previous class parents to get back to their cars. Please be respectful of others and keep your distance whilst walking to and from your car. It will ok for you drop your child on their spot and make a quick getaway once a member of staff is at the gate. Please do not leave children unsupervised outside school. If you are not waiting with your child, please return to your car swiftly. At collection time, please stand and wait on the spots until your child comes out so that the pathways remain clear for other parents to enter and exit.

Class Welcome Information

Class teachers will be sending out Class Welcome Information on Friday ahead of our Class Welcome Meetings. The meetings will take place next week and will be an opportunity for class teachers to share information with you about class expectations, learning and how you can support your child, as well as answer any questions you may have. The meetings will take place online on Microsoft Teams this year and you will receive a link to the meeting in the Class Welcome Information, along with an attachment for using Microsoft Teams and ClassDojo:

Class	Teacher	Meeting Day and Time
Y1 Nightingales	Mrs Phillips	Thursday 17 th September 4-4:30pm
Y2 Magpies	Miss Wood	Tuesday 15 th September 4-4:30pm
Y3 Owls	Miss Juden	Wednesday 16 th September 4-4:30pm
Y4 Finches	Miss Horgan	Thursday 17 th September 4:30-5pm
Y5 Woodpeckers	Miss Hodsman	Tuesday 15 th September 4:30-5pm
Y6 Blackbirds	Mrs Newman	Wednesday 16 th September 4:30-5pm
YR Robins	Mrs Scott and Mrs Cohen	Tuesday 22 nd September 4-4:30pm

Wrap Around Care

Thank you very much for your patience while we have re-established Breakfast and After School Club for key worker parents this week. Following guidance and having now successfully restarted wrap around care, we can now open this up to other working parents. We will now be using Wisepay for booking and paying in advance for any sessions needed. New Reception parents will be receiving their Wisepay login details later this week. We do have a limited number of spaces, but hopefully enough for everyone who needs to use the provision.

Sessions will run from 8-9am for Breakfast Club and 3:30-5pm for After School Club. The cost for each half an hour session will be £2, the cost for an hour session will be £4 and the cost for an hour and a half session will be £6. If you currently pay by vouchers, you will need to click the box to confirm you wish to use your vouchers for the purchase. Breakfast and afternoon snack will be included in the cost of the session. On Wisepay the sessions will be broken

down to an 8-8:30am and 8:30-9am session for Breakfast Club and 3:30-4pm, 4-4:30pm and 4:30-5pm. You will need to book all the sessions for the times you require. This will be able to booked and paid for in advance and is currently set up for next week until October half term.

Please log into Wisepay using your personal log in as you would do for school lunch choices. Breakfast and After School Club will be found under the School Club heading. You will need to book for each child, if you have more than one child. Please select session, click purchase and proceed to check out for the booking to be completed. If your child is ill and therefore not in school or attending a booked session, you will receive a refund. If you need to cancel a booked session, there is a 48 hour notice period. This will allow for someone else to use the provision when particularly busy. Cancellation must be made by email to the school office. If cancellation is not made by the 48 hour time period, you will not receive a refund. As always we will review how the new system works. Do get in touch with the office if you have any difficulties booking your sessions.

KS1 Fresh Fruit Snacks

We have heard today that the free KS1 fresh fruit snacks for morning break are to be continued this term. From next week all KS1 children will have their free fruit at morning break so you will not need to supply this. KS2 children will need to bring their own snack, should they wish to have one. We are still considering running a KS2 Fruit Tuck Shop and will be seeing if parents are interested in this through a questionnaire on Forms.

Data Collection Sheets

We will be sending out your child's data sheet soon for you to confirm or provide any changes to the contact and medical details we currently have for you and your child on our system. This needs to be signed and returned as it is an annual statutory requirement. If you know you have a new contact number please email the school office with the details to let us know immediately.

We look forward to seeing you online for the Welcome Meetings.

Kind regards

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