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Dear Parents/Guardians

**School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and family group photos. Diamond Class will begin at 1:30pm, therefore please bring your child back for the photograph if your child normally attends a morning session.

If you wish to arrange any family groupings other than brothers and sisters in school, please arrive at 3:00pm to speak to the photographer directly. Year 5 and 6 pupils attending the Hockey Festival at King Arthur's will be photographed first.

Topaz will not swim on this day as they will need to be photographed.

**Diamond Class - lunch experience**

A reminder that the morning Diamond Class will stay for lunch on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and the afternoon Class will arrive for lunch at 11:50am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**New Parents Meeting**

The meeting for new parents will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2:45pm. This ensures an opportunity to continue the smooth transition of your child into full time education. Early skills related to literacy and numeracy will be discussed and how you can support your child's development at home.

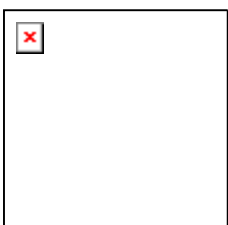
**Absences**

If your child is ill and unable to attend school it is vital that you report the absence to the school office as soon as possible before 9:30am. As a school we have to "chase" reasons for absence as per Government guidelines and therefore we contact you via the first two contact numbers supplied by yourself on data information sheets. Please keep the school office up to date with these contact numbers. This is our only way of ensuring that children are at home with a parent when not able to attend school.

A reminder: Please return your Data Collection Sheet if you haven't already done so.

**Violin Tuition**

Please note that violin tuition is supplied through Somerset Music and that if you agree to lessons you are committing to a set amount of time. If pupils "drop out", this increases the costs for other families. It is very important that all music fees are paid promptly as we have to pay direct to Somerset Music. If you are unsure about how long you have committed to lessons please see me.



### **Diamond Class**

Miss Pritchard would appreciate some wool, thread, buttons, wallpaper sample books, fabric sample books etc for her collage and artwork with Diamond Class pupils. Please take all items to Miss Pritchard.

### **Hot School Meals**

Just to bring you up to date on the situation, many of the local Primary Schools have been working together to arrange for hot school meals on a few days each week. We were all hoping that the supplier SCS who supply meals at King Arthur's School would be able to start after half term. Unfortunately they are in some difficulty, therefore it is unlikely to take place as planned. In the meantime we are continuing to seek alternative providers. They are very few and far between. Just to assure you that we are all working together to try to get the service running. If anyone knows of such a provider, please let me know.

### **Sapphire Classroom**

As you know Sapphire Classroom is in need of replacement and it will eventually be removed during the half term break. The area will then be used for extra playground. Until our new building arrives, Sapphire pupils will be taught in the Library area. There are only 18 pupils, therefore the library (when cleared) will provide a good learning environment until the new building arrives in the Spring term.

### **Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival Service will take place at St Mary's on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm. Morning Diamond Class are welcome to attend the Service, therefore, their parents may bring them to the Church if they would like to come.

Goods will be collected for the Lords' larder, therefore if you could bring one of the following items they will be put to good use: any tinned or dried foods (non-perishable). Please bring goods on Friday morning.

Please do join us for the Service. Children can be collected from their classroom at the end of the Service, which may be slightly before the end of the school day. If you are unable to attend please collect your child at 3:30pm as usual.

### **Parent Survey**

We are at the point of reviewing our School Development Plan, therefore we would like to seek your views on School improvements. Would you please take the time to consider the points on the attached sheet. Your views are very important to us, as are the children's.

### **Staff Training**

Due to many new government initiatives, administrative staff, teachers, teaching assistants and myself, as Head teacher, will be required to attend a great deal of training and information sessions over the next few months. Apologies in advance if individuals are not available on some days, but assuring you that good quality education will be our first priority as always.

### **School Website**

Please take the opportunity to view our updated School Website and the additional features. Also, a reminder that all newsletters are placed on the website along with other relevant information for your use.

### **Half Term**

School closes for the Half Term break on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, following a teacher training day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable break.

Your sincerely

**Bernie Green**

