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Newsletter Autumn 2009 (01)

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to school after our long summer break. The children all look 'well rested' and smart, ready for the new school year. A particular welcome to our new children and their parents. We hope you will be very happy in our school community and assure you of our best intentions for your child at all times. Please do not hesitate to call in if you are unsure about any aspect of your child's education. We are very much looking forward to working with you.

A list of important dates for the term is included with this letter together with a 2009/10 academic year calendar with teacher training dates marked.

Hall Policy

With the population in school being the largest it has been for a long time, arriving at school in the mornings is becoming very busy. With this in mind, we now propose as from Monday, collecting the children from the playground outside the hall at 8.50am. Also I would like to remind you that until 8.50am the children remain the responsibility of their parent or guardian.

Swimming

Swimming for Sapphire Class starts tomorrow Thursday 3rd September and continues every Thursday until the 22nd October.

Staff Changes

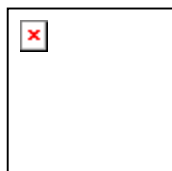
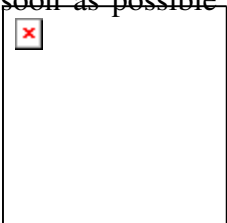
Welcome to Mrs Kate Longborne, who has joined us to teach Topaz class. Sadly due to personal circumstances, Miss Julia Hornsby, who was due to teach Sapphire class, will not be taking up the position as year 4/5 teacher. However, Maxine Mewett, an experienced teacher of 8 years, who has been helping out in the school already, has been employed until January 2010 to fill the post. We wish both teachers a warm welcome and hope they will be very happy at the school.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Mrs Wendy Phillips runs a breakfast club at school each morning from 8:15am in the school kitchen. At present there are some places available at £1.50 per day, so please contact Mrs Phillips if you wish to use this service on 01963 371421.

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 and always 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.

Walk to School Wednesdays

Walk to school Wednesdays will begin again next Wednesday, until the end of September, whilst the weather holds. A member of staff will meet accompanied children at the recreation ground at 8.35am.

Hot School Meals

Hot school meals continue to be available daily, at a reasonable cost. Please see Debbie Mole or contact the school office for the menu and costs.

Contact details

Would you be kind enough to notify the school office if any of your personal details or contact telephone numbers have changed. These are particularly important if we are trying to contact you in the event of sickness during the school day. If you are unable to come to collect your child in such circumstances, please provide the number of an authorised person who may do so.

Uniform

To save confusion and distress can you please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Peanut allergies

We have a number of pupils in school at present who are highly allergic to peanut oil and associated products. Contact with such products is life threatening for these children, therefore, as in the past, can I please ask for your reassurance that any products associated with peanuts or peanut oil are not brought into school under any circumstances.

Clubs

After school clubs will be starting on the 14th September - a programme detailing the activities on offer this term will be issued later this week.

As you can see it looks like it is going to be a busy, but enjoyable term. With all the changes happening around the school, I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that our aim is to make things run as smoothly as possible. As before, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if you have any concerns or comments.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Higgins
Acting Head Teacher

Enc: Important dates
Academic year 2009/10

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2009

- 3rd September Swimming begins for Sapphire Class
23rd October 1.30pm Ashley Wood Photographer
23rd October School closes for Half Term break

Half Term break ~ Monday 26th October to Tuesday 3rd November

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- 4th November School re-opens
4th ~ 6th November Year 5 Residential Trip to Leeson House
11th November 6pm~8pm Parents' Evening
12th November 4pm~6pm Parents' Evening
18th December School closes for Christmas break

School Reopens for Spring Term on 5th January 2009

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