



September 2023



WELCOME BACK!

A slightly belated welcome back to all of you, we hope you've had a wonderful summer holiday. An especially warm welcome to the new Reception class, and the other new children we've had starting with us throughout the rest of the school this term.

Just a reminder that the children should be in their classrooms by 8:45am (gates are staffed from 8:35am). Children arriving later than 8:45am will receive a late mark in the register.

PARENTS EVENING

We will very shortly be sending out emails with a link to our booking system for parents evening appointments. There will be two available sessions – Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October, 3:45pm – 6:30pm. The appointments will take place in the hall.

Parents evening appointments are 10 minutes long and are to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class and their targets for the year. Please be mindful of the 10 minute slot to allow for smooth and timely running of the sessions.

ASTHMA INHALER

If your child requires an inhaler in school, please ensure that you have completed a consent form (please let Mrs Laws know in the office if you require one).

Children should always have an inhaler available in school, and they should be clearly labelled with their name.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please can we encourage parents to send in healthy choices in their children's lunchboxes? Multiple chocolate bars, crisps and sweets can lead to very distracted children in the afternoons!

Can we also remind parents that the children's water bottles should only contain water.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Holidays during term-time cannot be approved, and we would ask parents wherever possible to take holidays outside of term time. Any family holiday taken in school time will be classed as 'unauthorised absence' and may be subject to Local Authority fines.

Similarly, we would ask parents to make appointments for the doctors, dentists etc. outside of school time wherever possible. If you have an unavoidable appointment during school hours, please contact the office to inform of your child's absence.

Thank you as always for your support in continued good attendance at school.

PE DAYS

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit on the days their class has PE:

Reception – Wednesday

Year 3 – Thursday & Friday

Year 1 – Monday & Thursday

Year 4 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6 – Wednesday & Friday

ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHERS - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

We will be welcoming Academy Photographers into school on Friday 10th November. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED!

It is essential that we have the correct contact details for parents – if you have changed any of your contact numbers recently, please let us know!

We also frequently use email to communicate. If you have not been receiving emails from the school office, please contact us and we'll make sure you are added to the list.

SCHOOL LUNCHES AND KS2 TUCK SHOP

The cost of school lunches is now £2.40 a day (£12.00 per week). Menus are available on the school website. **Meals and snacks should be paid for in advance please, via ParentPay.**

Lunches for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remain free via the government's Universal Free School Meal initiative. If a school dinner is required in Year 3, parents will now need to pay (unless your child is eligible for income-based free school meals). Please contact the school office if you require a ParentPay activation code.

We also have a morning Tuck Shop for Key Stage 2 children to buy a hot snack, prices as follows:

Toast 20p per slice

Cheesy oatcake 60p

Half a buttered teacake 35p

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have recently changed and you are entitled to Universal Credit or Income Support (or similar benefits) you may be entitled to free school meals. It is quick and easy to apply online at www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals. Should you be eligible, simply screenshot the eligibility confirmation and send it to the school office, and your child will be able to receive free school meals straight away.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals, however we would encourage you to apply for free school meals if you think you might be eligible, as this attracts additional pupil premium funding to support your child's learning.

YEAR 6 – APPLICATION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Letters have been sent out to our Year 6 pupils with information on how to apply for a High School place for September. The deadline for applications is 31st October.

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

September

- 21-22 Year 4 and 5 Bikeability
- 26 PTFA AGM, 7pm at the Dick Turpin
- 27 Phonics session for Reception parents, 3:30pm

October

- 3-4 Parents Evenings
- 9 Nasal Flu Spray for all children with consent (link to consent form has been emailed)
- 10 Governors meeting in school at 4:30pm
- 23 NCMP team in school to weigh and measure Reception and Y6 pupils
- 25 Harvest festival
- 26 PTFA disco
- 27 School closes for half-term

November

- 6 School reopens for staff and pupils
- 6 Open day for Reception 2024 intake, 2pm
- 7 Open day for Reception 2024 intake, 10am
- 8 Open day for Reception 2024 intake, 6pm
- 10 Academy Photography in school for individual pupil photos

December

- 1-6 Book fair after school
- 21 School closes for Christmas holidays