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**'Growing & Learning Together'**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our new term and a particularly warm welcome to our new parents both in reception and across the school. Particularly for our new reception parents it can be a difficult time dropping your children off every day, but rest assured that Mrs Jory and Mrs Jones are very skilled in supporting you and your child in this transition time.

Class teachers are your first point of contact if you have any queries or worries and are usually available at the end of the day for a quick word; alternatively please make an appointment to see them with the office.

We have had a great first week back so far and it has been lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to join us for our Meet the Teacher sessions.

We look forward to welcoming you all at the many events that we plan throughout the year, whether it is a Parent Lunch, Bedtime story café or at Parent Meetings throughout the year. If you have any queries please do talk to us or make an appointment to meet us.

Yours sincerely

*R McGlone*

Headteacher

### **Individual Photographs**

These are booked for 26 September. Unfortunately, if your child is ill and not in school they will not be able to come in and have their photograph taken.

### **Lunches Reminder**

KS1 children are offered a free hot school meal or jacket potato every day. However, **ALL lunches** (including KS1, KS2 and adult meals) are cooked to order and therefore **must be booked by 9am with the office.**

A form is sent home in KS1 on the Thursday to help you with your booking and this should be returned on Monday morning. If you haven't got a form – please write it on a piece of paper. Also, if there is any change to your order, **please can you let us know?** If you do not book a meal, then there may not be enough for your child.

### **Absence in school term time**

Please be aware the school cannot authorise any absence in term time unless it is for an exceptional circumstance. Holidays are not usually accepted as exceptional circumstance; therefore if you do book a holiday in term time, you may be referred to the County Council and could be fined.

## Achievement Assembly

Parents are welcome to join us for Achievement Assembly on Fridays at 2.55pm. Most weeks we will showcase a class – see below:

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 21 September     | Year 6                             |
| 28 September     | Macmillan Coffee (with pre-school) |
| 5 October        | School Council (elections)         |
| 12 October       | Year 3                             |
| <b>Half term</b> |                                    |
| 2 November       | Year 4                             |
| 9 November       | Year R                             |
| 16 November      | Year 1                             |
| 23 November      | Year 2                             |
| 30 November      | Year 5                             |
| 7 December       | KS1 Singing                        |
| 18 December      | KS2 Singing (Most Improved – term) |

Please make sure mobile phones are switched off and we ask that you do not take photos of your or any other children unless permission has been granted.

## Parent Lunches

Don't forget you can join us and eat lunch with your child on the following dates this term. For new parents – there is an expectation that both you and your child have a school dinner on the day that your class is scheduled. Please book both the adult and child's meal with Mrs Haylock by the Monday of that week. Adults meal £2.76, child's meal £2.20. Due to numbers we can only accommodate 1 parent per pupil.

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| 19 September 2018      | – Year 4 |
| 26 September 2018      | – Year 6 |
| 3 October 2018         | – Year 3 |
| 10 or 12 October 2018  | – Year 1 |
| 7 November 2018        | – Year 5 |
| 14 November 2018       | – Year 2 |
| 21 or 23 November 2018 | – Year R |

## Reminders – Parking, bikes and scooters

Please be courteous to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting children from school, there have been incidents in the past of parents blocking our neighbour's driveways. Children and adults should not cycle/scooter anywhere inside the school grounds before or after school. This includes on the other side of the roundabout to get to the bicycle sheds. You will be asked to dismount by a member of staff. This is for everyone's safety.

**PE KIT MUST BE KEPT IN SCHOOL ALL WEEK.**

**Please find a list of diary dates attached**

| DATE             |    | EVENT   |
|------------------|----|---|
| <i>September</i> | 17 | Swimming lessons Year 3 (2)   |
|                  | 19 | Parent Lunches – Year 4 ( <b>Please order meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult   |
|                  | 21 | Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – Year 6   |
|                  | 24 | Swimming lessons Year 3 (3)   |
|                  | 25 | PTA AGM 6.45  |
|                  | 26 | Individual Photographs<br>Parent Lunches – Year 6 ( <b>Please order meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult                           |
|                  | 28 | Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – MacMillan Coffee (with Pre-School)   |
|                  |    |   |
| <i>October</i>   | 1  | Swimming lessons Year 3 (4)   |
|                  | 3  | Parent Lunches – Year 3 ( <b>Please order meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult   |
|                  | 5  | Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – School Council Election  |
|                  | 8  | Swimming lessons Year 3 (5)   |
|                  | 9  | Parent Consultations – 5.30 – 8.00 pm   |
|                  | 10 | Parent Lunches – Year 1 ( <b>Please order meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult<br>Parent Consultations – 3.30 – 5.30 pm            |
|                  | 11 | Phonics meeting for Parents Yrs R-2 @ 9 am<br>Phonics meeting for Parents Yrs R-2 @ 6 pm  |
|                  | 12 | Guitar lessons<br>Parent Lunches – Year 1 ( <b>Please order meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult                                   |
|                  | 15 | Swimming lessons Year 3 (6)   |
|                  | 17 | Last day of ½ term  |
|                  |    |   |
|                  | 29 | Back to School<br>Swimming lessons Year 3 (7)   |
|                  |    |   |
| <i>November</i>  | 2  | Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – Year 4   |
|                  | 5  | Swimming lessons Year 3 (8)   |
|                  | 7  | Parent Lunches – Year 5 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult<br>Year 5 Family Café. Tea & Coffee @ 1.30 pm. Start 1.45 pm |
|                  | 8  | Reading Drop in meeting for Parents Yrs R-6 @ 6 pm  |
|                  | 9  | Year 6 visit to Duxford – TBC<br>Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – Year R  |
|                  | 12 | Swimming lessons Year 3 (9)<br>Year 6 Family Café. Tea & Coffee @ 1.45 pm. Start 2.00 pm  |
|                  | 14 | Parent Lunches – Year 2 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult  |
|                  | 16 | Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – Year 1   |
|                  | 19 | Swimming lessons Year 3 (10) Last one.  |
|                  | 21 | Parent Lunches – Year R (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult  |
|                  | 23 | Guitar lessons<br>Parent Lunches – Year R (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult<br>Achievement Assembly – Year 2           |
|                  | 28 | Bedtime Story Café @ 6.00 pm. Whole School  |
|                  | 30 | Guitar lessons<br>Achievement Assembly – Year 5   |

This is a list of diary dates confirmed on 13 September 2018 subject to amendments.  
**Please note** – we do not text reminders for regular events, such as Parent lunches.