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Newsletter 1

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Believe and Achieve

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to everyone as we begin a new academic year. I hope you have all had a relaxing and peaceful summer.

Over the next few days you will receive various organisational details about your child's new routine, such as PE days and homework. This information will usually be put in your child's link books. In addition, you will see there are several forms in the link book including Visit and Photographic permissions as well as an E-safety form. Please ensure you read and complete all relevant information.

Please help your child by getting into the habit of regularly looking at their link book. It is the easiest way for the class teacher to send home any messages. Staff also look regularly to see if you have written any messages, so please feel free to tell us about anything you feel we need to know about.

I am sure that if we work together, we will have a successful year.

Have you changed your number?

Please ensure that all contact details in the front of your child's link book are up to date. Remember that if you do change any contact details throughout the year then we need to be informed.



Names on Clothing

At this time of the year many parents have spent a lot of money on new uniforms. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled so that if they get lost they can be quickly returned to their owner. **At the end of last term we had over 40 school jumpers unclaimed, none of them had a name!**

Over 99% of parents now receive their newsletter by Parent Mail. If you are not signed up, please contact Mrs Barkby in the office to ensure you get the most up to date information as soon as it is released. In addition, if you have changed your email address please ensure the school is updated as soon as possible.



GOLD AWARD

Covid has not gone away!

The school is cautiously hoping to return to some of our normal routines this academic year. For this to happen, we all have a role to play. **Put bluntly, if you send your child to school with Covid and they give it to their teacher, the whole class will be sent home and learning will be more significantly impacted!**

At present we are waiting for LA updated guidelines. In the meantime we continue to follow the existing guidelines that were adopted for the second half of the last academic year:

- If your child is showing Covid symptoms please keep them off and monitor.
- If possible please test them. If negative they may come to school.
- If positive, they can not come to school on that day (Day 0), they must then remain absent for another three days.
- If well and they do not have a temperature, they may return to school on Day Four.

Clearly we do want to place anyone, whether it is a child or a member of staff at an increased risk. We sincerely hope you will support the school with these actions.

School Dinners

I have been informed by County Catering that school dinners will see an increase to £2.30 a day, which is £11:50 for a full week.

Please remember that all meals must be paid for in advance on the Monday of the week by using ParentMail. (No cash payments will be accepted)

Reception, Year One and Year Two receive free dinners regardless of their parents financial position. Pupils of course can continue to have sandwiches if they choose.

Free School Meals

Parents and pupils entitled to free school meals no longer have to reapply, but must inform the authority if there are any changes in their circumstances. If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, **especially new Year Three parents**, contact the Customer Service Centre on 01926 359189.

Please remember we have an online payment facility for dinner money through the Parent Mail app. It is very easy to use but if you have any questions Mrs Barkby in the office is more than happy to talk you through the setting up process.

Have you or your family had a difficult summer?

If you or your child has had a difficult summer, please let us know. There are lots of ways we can support.

All information will be treated with confidentiality.

You may be aware or hopefully not, that a fake account was made in my name on a social networking site over the holidays. The site linked school communications to inappropriate and pornographic images. It has now been deleted and is under the investigation of both the police and the Local Authority.

The ICT experts investigating the case have not discounted that the perpetrator may have no links to the school what so ever, but if you do know anything please contact me as a matter of urgency.

Thank you. Simon Pearson