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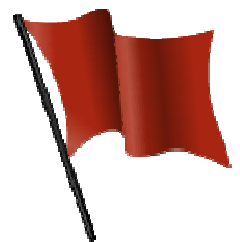
NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer with the children. I am very impressed that they have returned to school with a positive attitude and they all look smart in their school uniforms.

A few bullet points for the benefit of our new parents, and as a reminder to all ...

- We send a newsletter home once a month. Letters go home by email to all parents registered on Parentmail. If you do not wish to use this system, you will get a paper copy of letters in your child's book bag. We will put a red flag out at the main gate to let you know a newsletter has gone home, to remind you to check bags and inboxes!
- *Parking* - We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close. Parents are not permitted to park in the Residents' parking area or the school's tennis court. Spaces are available outside the school for holders of a disabled blue badge - please speak to the office about this. **Please park safely and with respect - not on junctions and not across the driveways of residents.**
- *Milk* is only delivered for children who are registered with Coolmilk (it is free for children under the age of five). If you would like your child to have milk in school, please register online at www.coolmilk.com. (current cost of children's milk is 28p per day)
- *Pupil Premium (means tested free school meals)* - please ask for details at the office if you think you may be entitled. If you are entitled, we will cover the cost of any school trips, pay for them to have free milk in school once they have turned five and also fund one after-school club for your child.
- *Sickness* - If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office before 9.00 a.m. and leave a message on the answerphone. Alternatively, those who have successfully registered on Parentmail can now report absence using this. Any child suffering from sickness or diarrhoea must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- *Lateness* - The school gates open at 8.45am. Children need to be on site before 9.00am when the learning day starts. Any child arriving after 9.00 a.m. will be marked in the register as late and may miss key information for the first learning session. Arrival after 9.30 a.m. will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please try and ensure that your child is here on time. Thank you. The Year 1 gate by Butterfly and Ladybird classes will be locked at 8.55 a.m every morning for security reasons. Please bring your child to the front office if you are arriving after 8.55 a.m and they will be taken to their classroom.
- *Please name everything!* - Please can you ensure that everything your child brings to school, especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles and



PE kits are named. We always have a huge pile of lost property which would not happen if we could return everything to its owner!

- *Snacks and Lunchboxes* The Government provide fruit and vegetable snacks for all the children. If your child brings in their own fruit or vegetable snack, please put this in a separate container, clearly named, to put in their drawer ready for snack time. If your child is having packed lunches, we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes (chocolate coated biscuits are fine).

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. This is because we have children in school with severe nut allergies. We recognise some parents may be disappointed that they cannot include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes, but I am sure you understand that health and safety always comes first.



- *Health and Safety*
 1. Earrings must be small studs. During PE they must be removed or covered with tape. Please provide a reel of micropore tape to be kept in your child's drawer.
 2. Long hair must be tied back for school.
- *Pick-Up Time* - Please let the office know by email or phone if someone different to usual will be collecting your child. We will not let your child go home with someone else unless we have spoken to you personally to get permission.
- *Before and After School* - Please do not let your children or toddlers play on or with any equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons, and remind them not to scoot or cycle on the playground or anywhere in the school grounds - all bikes and scooters must be left in the racks as soon as they arrive at school, and should be collected on your way out of the gate.
- *Requests for Absence from Learning* - Absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. It is the school's policy to refer to the Local Authority for consideration of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for children who have unauthorised absence from school, where a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions (5 days) off in a 10 school week period. This includes any absence marked in the register as unauthorised, persistent late arrival at school after the register has been taken that is recorded as an unauthorised absence, or a holiday in term time which has not been authorised. The FPN is issued with an invoice for £120 and 28 days are given for you to settle the penalty. If the FPN is paid within the first 21 days, the amount payable is reduced to £60. We would particularly ask that Year 1 and Year 2 children do not have any time off during May and June as this is when they are preparing for, and sitting, their phonics and SATs tests. A copy of our Attendance and Absence Policy is on our website for your information.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, to support your child's learning and to make their early experiences of school something that they will treasure for the rest of their lives.



Mrs Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher



Term Dates for the 2022 - 2023 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn term 2022	Starts: Monday 5 September Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October Ends: Friday 16 December
Christmas break 2022	Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January
Spring term 2023	Starts: Wednesday 4 January (Tuesday 3 January is an INSET day) Half term: Monday 13 to Friday 17 February Ends: Friday 31 March
Easter break 2023	Monday 3 to Friday 14 April
Summer term 2023	Starts: Monday 17 April Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June Ends: Friday 21 July

Inset Dates (Staff Training Days)

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Hot Dinners

Chartwells will be providing the following special lunch menu on Thursday 6th October:

Main

Cheese & Tomato Pizza or
Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry

Side

Rainbow Vegetables or Salad

Dessert

Chocolate Brownie

If your child usually has a packed lunch on this day but would like a hot dinner (it is week 3 on the menu), please can you let Mrs Porter in the office know by 22nd September as we will have to order extra meals. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to try a hot lunch on this day if they don't usually.

As schools will be shut on Monday 19th September for the state funeral of Her Majesty the Queen, Chartwells have advised us that Monday's menu will now be served on Tuesday. The menu for Wednesday will remain unchanged. The following menu will therefore be served on Tuesday 20th September:-

Main

Sausages, mash & gravy or
Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry or
Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo

Medical diets will be managed in the usual way.

Chartwells have also advised us that they are unfortunately still having issues with their fish suppliers. Therefore, fish will be replaced with Quorn nuggets on a Friday until further notice.

On a general note, we are encouraging the children to use a knife and fork to eat their dinner. Please try to get your children to cut up their own food at home - this will help us enormously.

Please do not send in drinks bottles for children having hot dinners - water and milk is provided (but they still need a water bottle for the classroom). Thank you for your support.

Local Paper Photos



Our Reception Teachers will be taking photos of their new classes very soon, to send to the local paper, which is running their annual feature on children starting school. **If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please let Mrs Porter in the office know as soon as possible.**

Parent Consultation Meetings

A letter will be going out later this month regarding the arrangements for this term's parent consultations.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 6th October from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. in the school hall. We do hope you will be able to join us to find out more about the work of the PTA and how you can be involved.

Individual Photos - Wednesday 28th September

A photographer is coming on this day to take individual photos of the children - please remember to send them in wearing their school jumper or cardigan!

Introduction to learning in Reception, Years 1 & 2

We will shortly be sending letters home from the teachers about the curriculum your children will be following this term.

Before/After School Clubs

All our before and after school clubs are starting this week for Years 1 and 2. We hope to offer up the clubs to Reception children following the October half term.

In the meantime, may we remind parents that we are also able to offer one-to-one music lessons in school with Inclusive Music and Movement; details as follows: -

♪ Instrumental and Vocal lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement ♪

Inclusive Music and Movement (IMM) provides opportunities for children and adults to receive music tuition, ensuring a unique and tailored learning

experience for every student. As many of you will already be aware, engaging with music and learning an instrument have numerous benefits, not only educationally but physically, socially and personally too.

We are so pleased to be working alongside Rode Green Infant School providing paired and 1:1 lessons. Currently we offer the following lessons at your school: guitar, violin, piano/keyboard and ukulele. Our team are also able to offer a range of other instruments - please enquire for availability.

If you are interested in lessons we would love to hear from you. Lessons are taught on either an individual

basis or in a pair where numbers allow and are charged at £17 and £11.50 respectively, per 30 minutes.

Flexible payment options are offered. Please use the sign-up form on our website to register your interest: <https://inclusivemusicandmovement.weebly.com/sign-up-or-contact-us.html>

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow

Event	Date	Time
Bank holiday	Monday 19 th September	
Individual school photos	Wednesday 28 th September	all morning
PTA Annual General Meeting	Thursday 6 th October	7.00 pm
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Years 1 & 2	Thursday 13 th October	pm
Harvest food collection	13 th October - 5 th November	
Science Week	17 th - 20 th October	
Parent Consultations	17 th - 20 th October and 31 st October - 4 th November	
Inset Day (school closed for staff training)	Friday 21 st October	
Half term	24 th October - 28 th October	
Dental Hygiene Day	Thursday 10 th November	
Anti-bullying week	14 th - 18 th November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 18 th November	all day
Reception Christmas Concert	Wednesday 7 th December	2.15 pm
Reception Christmas Concert (no pre-school children please)	Thursday 8 th December	9.15 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 th December	
Year 1 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 13 th December	2.00 pm
Year 1 Christmas Concert (no pre-school children please)	Wednesday 14 th December	9.15 am
Year 2 Christmas Concert	Wednesday 14 th December	2.15 pm
Year 2 Christmas Concert (no pre-school children please)	Thursday 15 th December	9.15 am
Christmas holidays	19 th December - 2 nd January	
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Wednesday 4 th January	