



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer.

It is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniform. **Please could you make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes, coats, PE kits and plimsolls, are named.** Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. We have a no jewellery policy. Stud earrings may be worn, but must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back and it should be of a natural colour. Please could all PE kits, including tracksuit bottoms and warm tops as the weather gets colder, come to school every Monday and we will send them home on Friday to be washed (if needed). Children may change into trainers at break time if they wish but these should be changed back to school shoes at the end of each session. Please make sure the children bring their coats to school, even on a sunny day.

As a school we are continuing to focus on healthy lifestyles so your child may bring a piece of fruit to eat at break time. At break time, we run a healthy tuck shop where children can buy toast for 10p and a drink of fruit juice for 10p. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day and provide cups for them to do this but they are welcome to bring water in a named bottle if they prefer.

All children will continue to bring home a reading book to read each night at home. In Year 4 we reward children for frequent reading at home as we feel this is very important for their progress. Please record their reading in their new home/school contact book and return it to school every morning. The contact books are looked at every day so you may also use this for any other comments you wish to make. The children will receive homework every Thursday which should be handed in the following week on Tuesday. In Year 4 children are given spellings and multiplication tables to learn every week. They will also receive a piece of maths or English to help support their work in school. Please let us know if your child has any problems with this so we can help.

We still encourage children to ride a bike or scooter to school and we insist that they wear a helmet to do this. An adult should accompany any children riding a bike until they have passed their cycling proficiency test.

All medication for children should be prescribed by a doctor (including sore throat sweets) and left in the office where the appropriate forms should be filled in.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please arrange a suitable time through the office. We are available most days after school but are usually very busy in the mornings.

We are looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your support.

Mrs Amey and Miss Murray