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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you all back to school. The children have all settled in well and we are well on the way to a fantastic new year of learning.

This letter shares information regarding school expectations, routines and upcoming events. You will find details about these on our website too. I hope this letter helps to ensure a smooth and successful experience for both you and your child. Apologies in advance, it is a lengthy read!



General Reminders

Please ensure that your child attends school with appropriate clothing for the weather. As Autumn sets in, please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat and hat. All children will require wellingtons too, as they will continue to access the outdoor provision daily throughout the colder months and Forest School sessions will also resume. A reminder that water is essential for healthy bodies and optimum concentration so please ensure your child is equipped with a suitable water bottle. These should only contain water and not juice although children can bring in juices for lunch. Personal items, such as toys, must remain at home to avoid them becoming damaged or lost. If children attend school on a bicycle, scooter or other wheeled device, they must walk across the playground to the bike shelter for their safety and the safety of others.

Lunches

Lunch is ordered through School Money and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school lunch. These should be ordered in advance. If your child prefers a packed lunch, can we remind you that we are a 'Nut Free' school.

Uniform (Reception to Year 6)

All your children are looking incredibly smart in their school uniform! Please ensure that your child continues to attend school in the correct uniform (this does not need to include the school logo). We do have a small collection of clean, previously used uniforms should you require any at any time. Clear labelling will ensure that no items are misplaced.

PE

Friday is the day to wear PE kits and again there was a smart turnout for our first lesson last week. Please ensure that your child is wearing an appropriate kit - a snapshot of the school PE kit can be found below and either red or white T-shirt (polo shirts) can be worn Football kit and branded clothing is not required. Any jewellery must be removed for the day and long hair must be tied back. The first after-school club session will start this week which is 'football'. If you have not signed up yet then please contact the school office. If your child is attending the club, we would ask for consistent attendance to ensure continued availability. If your child is unwell we appreciate odd weeks maybe missed.

			Optional Winter PE Items	
				
Plain **RED** T-Shirt (no logos, designs or buttons)	Plain **Blue/Black/Navy** Elasticated PE Shorts (no buttons or zips)	Outdoor Trainers	Plain **Blue/Black/Navy** Tracksuit/Jogging Suit	Plain **Blue/Black/Navy** Sweatshirt (not hoody)

PANTS

Children in all classes will be discussing the NSPCC's Pants rules in upcoming PSHE lessons. During these discussions staff will be teaching our pupils the following important safety skills in an age appropriate way, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. Staff will be teaching your child/ren how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from sexual abuse.



AIM Day: Joy of New Knowledge (Year 1 - Year 6)

Our school's 'AIM' day will be hosted every Friday for Otter class and every Wednesday for Fox class. This is a full day that focuses on our foundation subjects such as computing, science, languages and physical education for some classes. Otter class will continue to access their daily phonics lesson on this day and Fox class will continue to access their daily arithmetic lesson.

Reading and Home Learning



A letter regarding home learning, alongside your child's new reading record and appropriate book, will be shared in the coming days. There has already been lots of book sharing and reading happening in class so far too.

One-way road system

The one-way road system for drop-off and pick-up is in place for the safety of your child/ren as well as other road users and residents. The speed limit on these roads is a maximum of 30 mph although slower would be safer at these traffic heavy times. Please see attached map for route.

Parent Events

Half-termly parent and workshare events will be hosted this year (dates to follow shortly).

It has been wonderful to see that the school year has started on a positive note and that children have settled in well, showing great enthusiasm for learning and adapting quickly to their new routines.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jan Bellison
Head of School