

# Newsletter



I hope you are all well and had a lovely summer holiday.

I wanted to send a brief newsletter to say hello to you all and to share a few key reminders before your child starts school next week.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Gates open from 8.35am for the morning mile (weather dependent) and close at 8.50am. We are all looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We are looking forward to welcoming some new faces: Miss MacFarlane (Year 1 teacher), Miss Harding (Year 2 teacher) and Mrs Jones (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo). See you soon, from Mrs McIntosh

#### **School website**

The new school website has now gone live. We are continually updating this. We hope you find it easier to navigate and find important information about school.

The company who have created this website also host the school money payment system and text system used previously; the new system should really help to make communication from school to be improved. Further information about the payment systems and app will be shared with you in the coming weeks.



#### **SEND support**

Mrs Jones, the newly appointed Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo is starting sooner than expected, which is excellent news. Mrs Jones will be in touch with all families whose child is on the Special Educational Needs register to organise a meeting to help to get to know you and your child's needs.



### Roof repair works

We are very pleased that repairs to the roof are now about to start. The scaffolding is now in place and site checks/risk assessments have been completed. Access to the building will not be affected. Disruption to pupils and parents should be minimal but do speak to us if you have any concerns. We anticipate the works to be completed by October half term.

We are all looking forward to seeing the children arrive in their uniform. Please be reminded that on PE days the children should now come into school in their PE kit for the day. The PE day for the first week back in school

(w.c. 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023) was emailed out P.E at the start of the summer holidays.

## Allergy Awareness

A polite reminder that we have pupils in school with severe allergies to nuts and egg. We kindly ask that you avoid sending children in to school with items that contain egg or nuts. The school has an Allergy Management Policy and Statement of Intent, which takes in to account the expert advice from Anaphylaxis UK, who state:

'The School supports the approach advocated by Anaphylaxis UK. They would not necessarily support a blanket ban on any particular allergen in any establishment, including in schools. This is because nuts are only one of many allergens that could affect pupils, and no school could guarantee a truly allergen free environment for a child living with food allergy. They advocate instead for schools to adopt a culture of allergy awareness and education. A 'whole school awareness of allergies' is a much better approach, as it ensures teachers, pupils and all other staff are aware of what allergies are, the importance of avoiding the child's allergens, the signs & symptoms, how to deal with allergic reactions and to ensure policies and procedures are in place to minimise risk.'

Please also note that the school kitchen has now stopped using egg products in the school dinners. The impact to the menu has been mir/

#### **Cuddle Bears**

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A very special warm welcome to our new starters. Our youngest children will be joining us throughout the first week. Their first full day in school will be from 11<sup>th</sup> September.

We hope the new reception children received their 'Cuddle Bear'. They are welcome to bring these into school. They are also invited to bring in an 'All About Me' box, sharing photos or special objects of things important to them with their new friends and teachers.

