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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as the boiler work is completed in the school. The children have adapted so well to being in different places and eating their lunch in their classrooms. We are nearing the end now and hopefully after half term we will have a working heating system and be toasty and warm for the winter.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, school now starts at 8.45. The gates will open at 8.40 and children coming after 8.45 will be deemed to be late for the morning session. The DfE are expecting schools to ensure children's attendance is the best it can be but also that children are not missing parts of their lessons by being late. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. The attendance of the school is updated daily to the DfE and reasons for absence are sought at this time. As a school we cannot authorise absences unless they are part of the criteria sent to us. Please ensure that as far as possible, medical appointments are made after school. Where that is not possible you must provide the appointment card to the school before the session is missed for the absence to be authorised. No term time holidays will be authorised and fines may occur for families taking holidays in this way. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Uniforms

The children look so smart in their school uniforms and also in their PE kits. However, we already have a stack of jumpers and t-shirts that are now part of lost property. Please ensure your child's name is in every item of clothing so we can more easily identify which jumper belongs to which child. PE kits should be in a bag marked with the child's name and should be left in school ready for the next lesson.

We do not have room in school for children to bring bags in. On a daily basis they only need their book bag and, if applicable, their packed lunch. Everything else should be left at home. All pens, pencils, felt pens etc. are supplied in school so must not be brought in. Please stop your child from bringing in a bag other than those mentioned above. Bags which are brought in will be kept in the office until the end of the day.

Water Bottles

Water bottles should only contain water and not juice. If there is juice in a child's water bottle it will be emptied out and refilled with water. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Homework

Foundation - Homework will be given out on a Friday and collected in the following Friday. Please try to read at least 3 times a week to or with your child and record it in your child's reading record.

KS1 - Homework will be given out on a Thursday and collected in the following Thursday, this will consist of reading, maths and later on in the year, spellings. Please try to read at least 3 times a week with your child and record it in your child's reading record.

KS2 - Homework will be given out on a Friday and collected in the following Friday, this will consist of spellings, times tables/maths and reading. Please try to read at least 3 times a week with your child and record it in your child's reading record.

Flu Immunisations – 1st October

If you have completed the online consent form for a flu immunisation this will take place in school tomorrow, 1st October. Please note as a school we have nothing to do with this event other than providing a room for the immunisations to take place. It is entirely up to you whether you sign your child up for the procedure. Only the children whose parents have signed them up will be on the list for immunisation. The list is held by the NHS and school do not have access to it.

School Photographs – 3rd October

School photographs will be taken on Thursday 3rd October. We will have every child photographed individually and also in a family group unless you tell us otherwise. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs and if you would prefer your child not to be photographed at all, please contact the office to advise.

Swimming – 14th October

Year 6 will be swimming every afternoon for two weeks beginning on 14th October 2024. Please ensure your child has a swimming kit in school every day. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and is a great skill for children to have so they are all expected to attend.

Harvest Festival – 18th October

We will soon start collecting for our Harvest Festival which will take place in the church during Friday Mass 18th October at 9.30 and also at Sunday Mass 20th October also at 9.30. All families are invited to both these Masses and we look forward to seeing you there.

Half Term

Half Term takes place between Monday 28th October and Friday 1st November. School will reopen to children on Monday 4th November at 8.45 (gates open at 8.40)

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Fenna
Headteacher