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Dear Parents/Carers,

So soon the summer is coming to an end, the Olympic and Paralympic games have kept us entertained and the Autumn Term has begun in fine style. We welcome several new members of staff – Mrs. Moyse who takes over from Mrs. Garner in the office, Mrs. Hobday who joins Mrs. Hibbins teaching in the Grebes class, and Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Holmes who are working as classroom support assistants.

It is my time once again to send out reminders for many different things:

- ◆ **All uniforms, lunch boxes and equipment, named please!**
- ◆ **Break time snacks in a named plastic pot (so no wrappers or litter)**
- ◆ **Any change in emergency contact details, please inform the office.**
- ◆ **School dinners are still £2.10. It would be helpful if monies were paid in at the beginning of the week but we can accept daily orders if necessary. The current menu will still apply until October half term. If you think you might be entitled to a free school meal, ask at the office.**

Musical instrument lessons have begun. Guitar lessons (electric and acoustic) are on Mondays, piano and recorder lessons start on Tuesday, 11th Sept., and violin lessons are on Fridays. If you would like your child to learn to play any instrument, please let Mrs. Moyse know and she will be able to give you further details.

The swimming pool is still closed so there will be no swimming until later this term. However, Mr. Ward will be taking the Grebes class for an extra p.e. lesson until the pool opens. Please make sure your child has their p.e. kit in school on Wednesday mornings.

Clubs - The breakfast and after-school clubs are running as per usual and your child can be cared for from 7.45 am to 6 pm almost all year round now. Childcare is also offered from lunchtime to the end of the school day (and later if necessary) for 3 year olds and over.



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If you would like to use this facility, please contact the school or the club for more details or to book your child in. There is no registration fee – just book in and pay on the day.

- Sports club with Mr. Ward on Thursdays after school is now full.
- Nature club will be starting next week on Fridays after school for 1 hour and the cost will be £10 per term. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- Mrs. Collins will be starting the netball club again and will be sending out details soon.

Collections - Keep saving those ‘Box Tops for Books’ tokens off the top of cereal packets – and your empty ink cartridges-it all adds up. Morrisons have begun giving out tokens, too. A collection has started up in school for all those plastic bottle tops so now you know where to send them.

Attendance - Please remember to let us know by 9.15am if your child will not be in school for any reason. There is an answering machine you can leave a message on at any time.

The Local Authority is keeping a close scrutiny on school attendance and has requested us to remind parents that there is no automatic right to holiday time during the school term. I can only authorise a limited amount for very special circumstances and a special form obtainable from the school office must be completed at least 2 weeks before time, but parents must please try to take their holidays when the school is not in session. I hope the calendar attached to this newsletter will help you with your future planning although future dates may be subject to change. I will not be authorizing any holiday time for year 2 or year 6 pupils during the spring and first half of the summer term due to continuing assessment procedures and SATs. Absence **does** affect performance levels-we all want the children to do the best that they can do.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 3rd October-

Monday, 8th October -

23rd & 25th October -

29th Oct – 2nd November-

Friday, 21st December-

Monday, 7th January -

Tuesday, 8th January -

Individual photographs (family photos will be taken at 8.45am)

Harvest Festival at the church, families welcome (10am)

Parents evenings

Half term

Last day of autumn term

Staff training day

Children start the spring term



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