



**A few words from Mrs Lynch** .....It was lovely to welcome back our school family after the summer break. The children were all excited to share their summer adventures with us today. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined our school family. For the next two weeks our Year R children are currently completing their 'Transition to School Programme'. I would like to thank you to all for working with us to enable the children to make a smooth passage into school and into their new classes. Our first topic this term is very appropriately on the theme of friendship; your children will be meeting not only their old friends but making new ones too as well as exploring all their new classrooms and becoming accustomed to new routines and work. Please take the time to introduce yourself to someone you don't know, and especially to the new parents who have joined our School Family.

**Arrival at School** – Please be reminded that classroom doors open at 8.45am and that school starts at 8.55am. Before this time, children must be supervised by parents/carers on the playground. Please remember that playground equipment must not be played on before or after school as they are not covered by our insurance.

If your child is in either Year 1 or 2, please encourage their independence by saying goodbye to you and greeting the adult welcoming them at the door as they leave you to go into class on their own. Year R parents are of course welcome to accompany their child into school at this point in the year.

**End of Day Arrangements** – Your child's new Teacher will get to know both you and your child over the next few weeks; please help them by waiting **immediately outside the classroom door** so that when the door opens you can collect your child promptly. We hope that this will give you an opportunity to get to know your child's Teacher and improve the partnership we have with you as Parents/Carers.

Please ensure you have provided your new Teacher with ongoing collection arrangements for your child, or write in class diary for adhoc changes such as play dates. Please call the Office for any last minute/ emergency arrangements.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

There will be an opportunity for you to come and meet the Staff and hear more about the curriculum for your child's year group on the following dates:

**Year 2** —Tues, 24th Sept—2.30pm

**Year 1**—Wed, 25th Sept—2.30pm

**Year R** —Thurs, 26th Sept—2.15pm

If your child is in a **mixed year group class**, they should attend the relevant Year Group Meeting.

**Attendance** – Should your child be absent from School for any reason, please ensure you telephone the School Office by 9.30am on the first day of absence. If your child arrives at School after 8.55am please ensure they report to the School Office to be signed in as they are late and the only access to school after that time will be via the front reception office.

**Water** – please send your child in with a labelled bottle of water for drinking throughout the day. Please do not send your child with any other type of drink (ie no squash or fizzy drinks).

**Disabled Parking Bays**—Blue Badge holders are welcome to park on site once you have brought in your blue badge to the office along with your registration number. Please remember that you are welcome to use any vacant parking space as there are only 3 designated disabled bays. We would like to remind you that the car park is not large and that there is NO parking on site for parents/carers.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Please note that there should be NO DOGS anywhere on our school site.

**School Uniform (including PE Kit)** – At the beginning of a new school year, it is always helpful to remind everyone that **ALL** uniform the children wear for school should be clearly labelled, including their PE Kit, plimsolls and shoes; this way items can easily be returned. If your child has lost any item of clothing, please look in our Lost Property Boxes which are in the front entrance. Year R are not required to have PE kit in school until after Easter.

**Y1/2 please ensure PE kits are held in School.**

**Hair** – Hair should be tied back if it is long please, and I would like to remind you that **fancy hair accessories are not** appropriate for school and should not be worn.

**Jewellery** – There should be **no** jewellery worn in school, with the exception of stud earrings which are permitted. These must be removed for PE or be covered with tape by your child. This again is for Health & Safety reasons.**NO**

**Footwear**—Children are **not** permitted to wear trainers into School. Please ensure this is adhered to in the interest of Health & Safety. **Only** appropriate black school shoes are required.

## PMX PARENTMAIL

Have you downloaded the FREE parent app? Receive and respond to school messages from your smartphone instantly! Simply visit the Apple or Android store and search for Parentmail. **Year R ONLY**—Your PMX Parentmail account will be set up shortly. Please look out for a registration email to complete the process—you will then receive all communications electronically.

**UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS** Don't forget, Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) are offered to all Infant School children every day giving them a choice of either a red or green **FREE school meal**, school meals cost £2.30 per meal, so this is a great saving. Please ensure your child makes the right choice each day!

## Family Achievements ...

Please let us know of any of your child's achievements in order that we may publish them here in future Newsletters—for example this could be swimming and other sports; performances or something you would like to record that they have done well in—we'd love to hear about it!

## Coming Up ...

**Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning** It's that time of year again, and we are looking forward to holding our annual event in aid of Macmillan on Friday, 27th September at 9am in the **Infant Hall**. Please come and join us for a chat with friends over a cuppa and a slice of cake! We would be extremely grateful to receive donations of cakes (homemade or bought) on the day. We are also **VERY MUCH IN NEED** of parental assistance in running the event—do you have some spare time to assist us with setting up, serving refreshments and selling cakes? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please let the Office know if you are able to help. Thank you so much!



**VOLUNTEER INFO MEETING** we will be holding Volunteer Information Meetings at 2.30pm on Monday, 16th September and 9am on Tuesday, 17th September—come and find out more about volunteering in school and how you can help us. For our existing Volunteers—safeguarding and fire evacuation training are an annual requirement and you will need to attend one of these sessions as a refresher—this should take approximately 15 minutes. We look forward to welcoming you.

**ADMISSIONS 2020—PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN EVENING**—we will be holding our annual Open Evening on Tuesday, 8th October for those parents with children looking to start school in September 2020. There is no need to book to attend, just arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Please tell any friends and family!

**COFFEE TIME—AUTUMN TERM** As part of our Transition Programme, we have arranged some 'Meet the Teacher' Coffee Times for New Year R—the dates will be as follows:

Tuesday, 17th September—**Dragonfly** 9am (Year R and 1)    Wednesday, 18th September—**Caterpillar** 9am  
Thursday, 19th September—**Ladybird** 9am    Friday, 20th September—**Bumble Bee** 9am

The Coffee Times will take place at 9am. This is a great opportunity for you as parents to meet your child's new teacher, and other parents that will have children in the same class.

**H S A AGM** Friday, 20th September at 9am with second-hand uniform sale—grab a bargain!

**Please  
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note of  
these dates  
on your  
Calendar!**

<b>After School Clubs Commence</b>	w/c Monday, 16th September (Y1 & Y2)
<b>Volunteer Information Meeting</b>	2.30pm Monday, 16th September
<b>Volunteer Information Meeting</b>	9.00am Tuesday, 17th September
<b>H S A AGM/Secondhand Uniform Sale</b>	Friday, 20th September at 9am in Hall
<b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>	Friday, 27th September at 9am
<b>Y2 Curriculum Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 24th September at 2.30pm
<b>Y1 Curriculum Meeting</b>	Wednesday, 25th September at 2.30pm
<b>YR Curriculum Meeting</b>	Thursday, 26th September at 2.15pm
<b>Prospective Parent Open Evening</b>	Tuesday, 8th October—6.45pm for 7pm start
<b>Inset Day</b>	Thursday, 10th October (NO CHILDREN jointly with HJS)
<b>Inset Day</b>	Friday, 11th October (NO CHILDREN jointly with HJS)
<b>Inset Day</b>	Friday, 14th February (NO CHILDREN jointly with HJS)
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday, 29th June (NO CHILDREN jointly with HJS)
<b>Last Day of Academic Year</b>	Tuesday 21st July, finish at normal time
<b>Inset Day</b>	Wednesday, 22nd July (NO CHILDREN)