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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school, I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break despite the weather!

Although we have only been back at school for a week, I am pleased to report that all the children have settled into the new school year and in some cases, new classes, brilliantly. I am delighted to welcome Maggie and George to our school, both are in Class 3.

Over the summer we have had the library reorganised, rebuilt and decorated in readiness for our 'Lending Library' project. Thanks so much to the PTA for raising the funds to help pay for this fantastic facility for the children. We will be asking the children to suggest books for us to buy and once the shelves are packed with books, we shall 'open' for lending. More information to follow.

The new school menu seems to be going well, and thank you so much for ordering in advance, this is really helping us get organised and get to grips with the new way of delivering the lunch service.

The learning contexts for each class are as follows; Class 1 – Castles, Class 2 – Being Human, and Class 3 - Ancient Egyptians. Each teacher shall send out their termly newsletter giving more details and specific arrangements relating to their own class.

If your child has a medical Care Plan, we will send it home and ask you to check through the details. If no changes are required just sign and date it and return to school. If your child's needs have changed please amend and return to school. We will retype and send back for you to sign and date. All care plans must be signed yearly because the new plan has a declaration of consent, in line with new GDPR procedures which will need to be signed.

The diary is already filling up with events and visits and I have attached as many as possible for your calendar. There are a couple of dates coming up shortly that I would like to draw your attention to. On Friday 13th September I look forward to seeing you at the PTA Summer Social, 6.30pm. This is an informal occasion where the children get to play together while parents have the opportunity to catch up! On Friday 27th September, we will host our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon at 2pm. More details to follow shortly.

Nasal Flu Immunisations.

Parents of pupils in years Reception – Year 6 were sent an email on 3rd September, which includes a link to a form, which enables you to confirm whether or not you consent to your child receiving the Nasal Flu Immunisation in school. This in place of the green paper forms

provided to parents in all previous. Please fill in the form even if you do not want your child/ren to have the immunisation so that the team will know not include them on the day.

Fairtrade Rice Challenge.

The current amount of rice bags sold in school is 75. They are £1 per bag for anyone wishing to make a purchase and help us reach our target of 180 bags.

Wrap Around Care.

We are able to offer breakfast club Monday – Friday, which includes breakfast (choice of cereals, toast or crumpets or pancakes and a drink of milk) and then a choice games/colouring/fun in class 1. This is £5 per session.

Afterschool provision will run from 3.30pm – 4.30pm £5 or 3.30pm – 5pm £8 per session. The sessions will start with a snack and drink, followed by an activity or sport. For the last 30 minutes there will be a choice of games/colouring/art/help with homework. You can book wrap around care by emailing or telephoning Mrs Lawson (until we have an online system in place).

Please note that our school is registered on the tax-free childcare scheme and can therefore accept payments for breakfast and after school clubs via this method. To apply visit the following link: www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare and see the attached guidance for other assistance available to some parents.

As always, my door is always open, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, queries or would like a quiet chat.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Time:	Event:	Who is involved:
13.09.24	6.30pm	PTA Summer Social	Everyone welcome
16.09.24	All day	Wheelchair basketball	All pupils
	9 – 12pm	Library van	All pupils
17.09.24	evening	Year 6 Open Evening at William Howard School	Yr6 pupils and parents
19.09.24	All day	Coram Life Education	All pupils
24.09.24	6.30pm	How we teach phonics and reading Information Session for parents.	All parents of children in Reception and Year 1
27.09.24	2pm	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	Everyone welcome
1.10.24	am	Photographer in school	Pupils and younger siblings
2.10.24	11.45am	Parents of pupils in Reception are invited to have lunch with their child	Parents of pupils in Reception
3.10.24			
7.10.24	pm	One-week block of swimming lessons	Class 3
9.10.24	am	Nasal Flu Immunisations	Reception – Year 6
15.10.24 (TBC)	2.30pm	Harvest Festival In church	Everyone welcome
21.10.24	am	One-week block of swimming lessons	Class 3
22.10.24	3pm	Class 2 assembly for parents	Parents and family of pupils in class 2
25.10.24	3.30pm	School closes for half term	
31.10.24	All day	Deadline for applications for places in Year 7 for September 2025	
4.11.24	8.55am	School reopens.	
10.11.24	Am	GNAA collection – local villages	
11.11.24	am	GNAA collection – school yard	
13.11.24	3pm	Class 3 assembly for parents	Parents and family of pupils in class 3
14.11.24	9.15am	Class 1 assembly for parents	Parents and family of pupils in class 1
18.11.24	3.30pm	Bookfair – all week	Everyone welcome
21.11.24	am	Whole school visit to Theatre by the Lake to see The Jungle Book	All pupils
9.12.24	am	Visiting panto to school – Robin Hood	All pupils
11.12.24	2.30pm	Class 3 Christmas show	Parents of pupils in class 3
	6.30pm		
16.12.24	2.30m	Class 1 nativity in Church	Parents of pupils in class 1
17.12.24	2.30pm	Class 2 Christmas show	Parents of pupils in class 2
	6.30pm		
18.12.24	11.45am	Christmas lunch	All pupils
19.12.24	pm	Christmas party	All pupils
20.12.24	2pm	School closes for Christmas break.	All pupils
7.1.25	8.55am	School reopens	