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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I Hope that everyone had a fantastic summer making the most of the glorious weather!

I am delighted to welcome 2 new members of staff in class 2 , Mrs Mills the class teacher and Miss Barker the apprentice Teaching Assistant. Welcome also to the children new to school, we have 3 new children also in Class 2, we have Jay and Theo in Year 3 and Tommy in Year 2!

The first day has been really good, everyone settling into their new learning environments and learning the routines and class expectations. The Reception children (who look so grown up in their uniforms!) never cease to amaze us, with how quickly they settle in, as have all the new children we have welcomed into school.

Before I move onto the term ahead I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and pupils who sent such lovely gifts and cards at the end of the summer term. The messages of support, thanks and gratitude we very much appreciated by all the staff, thank you very much.

As many of you know we have had extensive work completed on the flat roofs over the summer. Unfortunately, our start to the new academic year has been affected by the continuation of works on site, which due to an unforeseen circumstances, has taken longer than first expected**.** This means that, we do not currently have hot water in our toilets. However, under the advice of the Council's Health and Safety Team we have installed hand sanitiser in all of the toilets in addition to them having cold running water and soap. A new temporary boiler has been installed in the kitchen to ensure that we can provide hot meals.
I appreciate that this is far from ideal, but we will do everything we can to minimise the disruption and keep you updated.

We have, as always, a packed and interesting term ahead of us and the class teachers will send out their individual newsletters shortly. In the meantime please do not hesitate to come in and speak to your class teachers if you have any concerns or queries, we very much have an open door policy here at school.

If your child travels to school on the school bus for part or the whole week please ensure that you have responded to Mrs Lawson's email (sent on 2nd September) to confirm which days they will be using the bus to travel home and any days that they will be collected (and by whom) on a usual week. This helps us to compile a register for putting children on the bus at the end of the school day. Should you need to change these arrangements either permanently or just as a one off, please inform school by telephoning the school office or by sending in a note for the class teacher.

I have attached a few dates for your convenience, but please check the Arbor App for others as they crop up. I am aware that we are all still experiencing 'teething' problems with the new Arbor system and ask you to bear with us as we iron out these issues, as always contact Mrs Lawson for help and advice

Date	Event	Time	Who is involved	Where?
w/c 7.09.26 and 14.09.26	Swimming lessons (Daily)	am	Class 3	Sands centre
8.09.26	PTA AGM and meeting	6.30pm	All parents welcome	The Sally
15.09.26	How to support your child For parents of children in Classes 2 and 3.	3.45pm	Mr Harrison and Mrs Mills will talk through homework, expectations and how you can support your child	school
16.09.26	How we teach phonics For parents of children in Reception and Year One.	6pm	Mrs Harrison will deliver a short session, explaining how spelling and phonics are taught in Class 1.	school
20.09.26	Colour and Summer Social	2pm	All children and families, If you haven't already singed up please see the attached information!	School field
23.09.26	WHS open evening	5pm	Year 6 pupils and parents	WHS
25.09.26	MacMillan and Fairtrade coffee afternoon	2pm	All parents, families and friends welcome	School hall
28.09.26	Action Ants	All day	All pupils	school
6.10.26	Harvest Festival (TBC)	2pm	St Kentigern's church	All pupils and families.
8.10.26	Flu Immunisations	Am	School	Pupils in Reception – Year 6

A more comprehensive list of dates will follow.

PTA Colour Run

Just a reminder that the Summer Social Colour Run is being held on Sunday 20th September 2-4pm. In previous years the PTA have enjoyed hosting a 'September Summer Social' as we all return to school after the six-week break. It is a lovely opportunity for everyone to get together and welcome new families to the school with everyone bringing a bottle and a food contribution. This year the PTA have decided to combine the annual get together with their very first 'colour run'. All children and parents are invited to participate in what is sure to be a fun and memorable afternoon. Entry to the colour run is £10 per person with every participant receiving a medal to mark their achievement! If you and/or your children would like to be entered for the colour run – and you have not already entered - please return the attached slip with your entry fee to the school on **MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER.** Entrants will need to wear a white tee (and a cap if desired) that they don't mind getting a little…shall we say 'colour drenched'!

Flu Immunisations

The school immunisation team are coming in to school on Thursday 8th October 2026 to administer the flu nasal spray to pupils in Reception through to Year 6. If you have a child in Reception – Year 6 they (or their elder sibling if relevant) will be sent home with a separate letter containing information about the immunisation. Parents need to scan a QR to give consent or confirm that they do not give consent. The deadline for providing consent/no consent is 1st October 2026.

Yours sincerely,
Lynn Harrison

Colour Run Entry Form

I……..would like to reserve…….spaces for the Summer Social Colour Run and enclose…….in cash (£10 per head)