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September 2022 Newsletter 2

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Be Kind – Be Respectful - Be Inclusive - Be Safe – Be your Best

“Families, friends and communities often find a source of courage rising up from within. Indeed, sadly, it seems that it is tragedy that often draws out the most and the best from the human spirit.” – Queen Elizabeth II
 It has been heart-warming to see how well staff and children have supported each other sensitively following the news of the Queen’s passing. Government will be releasing information about what happens next and any impact on school. As soon as I know, I will let you know.



Thank You!

Dear Parents / Carers,
 Thank you for helping your child settle in so well this week. It was lovely to meet all of our new children across the school including the new Reception children. If you missed our first newsletter, you can find it on our website. I wanted to give you a few initial updates now we have been back a week.

Uniform

We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your children come to school in the correct uniform. Our school approach to uniform means that you can choose to buy it all cheaply from supermarkets or go for the branded uniform. Both are acceptable. Just to clarify, children should be wearing mainly black shoes or trainers. A few white trainers have appeared this week which really stand out as not being part of our uniform. Also, to clarify, on PE days children are still expected to come in wearing normal school uniform. They get changed for PE in school. PE tops need to be plain white.

Parent Pick up and drop off

Again, a big thank you for being so patient when dropping off and picking up. I know it can get crowded at this time of year when we are all getting used to new routines. As the weeks go by, I’m sure many of our children will be able to come in independently from the top of each drive in the mornings.

Trips, Visits and Clubs

We have been working hard to ensure we enrich our curriculum with good affordable trips and visits. Over the coming weeks we will publish our year calendar so you can see what to expect. Year 4 parents, if you haven’t signed up for the Stubbington residential already you have until Friday 23rd September. We have had an overwhelming response to our clubs. Unfortunately, they are all full now but we will have a waiting list. Information will have been distributed already about this. As the year goes on we will look at offering more clubs or look to offer an alternative to those on the waiting list.

Attendance

Great news! Our attendance for the first week was almost 97%. A wonderful effort by all. It seems you are all doing well in getting back into a consistent routine. Unfortunately, I have already had a number of holiday request which have all be unauthorised in line with Government guidance. Please book holidays outside of term time. We will shortly be sending out some additional attendance information to support you and clarify procedures.
Have you signed up for Studybugs yet? <https://studybugs.com/>

2021 - 2022 INSET days
 Our last 3 Inset days will be on:
Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 27th January 2023
Monday 5th June 2023
 School and Nursery will be closed for children on those days.

Parent Survey

If you have 2 minutes please can you fill out the 3 question parent survey...thank you!
<https://forms.gle/N9jBYrmYQepDX8Pt8>