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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our children and families and especially our new starters in foundation stage nursery. Thank you from myself and all of the staff for your very generous presents, cards, thanks and good wishes at the end of the Summer Term, they were much appreciated.



A lot of work has taken place over the summer holidays we are pleased to say our flat roof has now been completely replaced, thank you for working with us in this time. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard during the holidays to clean, decorate and then reset our learning environment to make it beautiful and exciting for the children.

The children have come back really well and ready to learn; they all look so smart in their new school uniforms! Thank you. A special welcome to our new children in the foundation stage, we hope they will all be very happy at Sheep Dip.

Staff news: A very warm welcome to our new staff Miss Ogle in Year 1 and Mrs Stokoe our new SENDCO.

Our topics and visits/special events:

Foundation Stage – this term the children’s topic is ‘All About Me’ where they will be talking about home, school, themselves.

KS1 – Year 1 and 2 – this term the children’s topic is ‘Moon Zoom’ where the children learn about materials and space.

Lower KS2 – Year 3 and 4 this term the children’s topic is ‘Gruesome Guts and Gory Bits’ with learning about the body and health.

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – this term the children’s topic is ‘Stargazers’ where the children learn about the Earth, space and forces.

School Attendance ~ School starts at 8.55am, with children coming into school at 8.35am. It is really important that **your child attends school on time each day** unless they are ill or they have an authorised absence. If your child has a medical appointment, please bring their appointment card to the School Office to be photocopied for their records so that they may be given a medical mark. If your child is ill, please ring the School Office before 09:00am to tell us why they are absent and how long they are likely to be away from school. Thank you. The gates will be closed at 9.00am, a child will be classed as late after that time. No reasons for absence will be unauthorised and could lead under the latest Local Authority guidance to educational penalty notices, all families have been sent out information this week about the changes in Doncaster.

Holiday Requests~ Please note, following Government regulations, all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances. If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority. Per child, this will be £60 if paid within 21 days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120. If parents do not inform us, then a visit may be made to the home by the Education Welfare Officer to establish the reason for absence. The fine will go ahead if the house is unoccupied unless the parents have dated medical evidence for the period of absence.

Special Events ~ We have our annual MacMillan Coffee morning on Thursday 4th October, this year we are bringing back the 'Sheep Dip Bake Off' event, all cakes entered will support with proceeds will go to this worthy charity. The winning cake will get a special family themed hamper, details to follow.

PE Kit: Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit in school, see your child's class teacher if you need information of PE days for your child/ren.

Indoor PE kit: Girls Black leotard or white t shirt and black shorts/skirt.
Boys White t shirt and black shorts.
Bare feet or black plimsolls whilst working in the Hall

Outdoor PE kit: Clothing as above, with extra jumper/tracksuit depending on time of year. During winter months, please be aware that clothing may become muddy. Trainers / football boots are allowed.

Jewellery – Please could the children only wear stud earrings to school and if they wish, a watch; all other jewellery should be kept safe at home, thank you.

Achievements, Rewards

Celebration Assemblies~ We will continue to hold our assembly each Friday morning from 09:00a.m. where we celebrate attendance and learning achievement awards for KS1 and then KS2. Parents/carers will receive a secret phone call from school if your child/ren have been nominated for an award due to excellent learning that week. We appreciate attendance at these events is difficult due to work commitments, **if you require more notice please let admin know and we will arrange for the award at the following assembly to give two weeks' notice.**

PTA ~ We are on the look out for any volunteers for our parent teacher group which support school events and fund raising for special resources for the children each year. If you are interested in joining please see Miss Graham our admin manager for information or the PTA Parent/Chair Mrs S Bradley.

Dates for your diary:

We try to give parents/carers plenty of notice of dates – however these may be subject to change, thank you.



- **Monday 17th September** -Year 5 and 6 Visit to Leicester Space Centre
- **Monday 24th September – Year 3, 4 (class 4/5)** Visit to Thackeray Museum
- **Thursday 27th September** – Individual Photograph Day
- **Wednesday 3rd October** – 1st family Thrive session – The Croft at 1p.m.
- **Thursday 4th October** – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **Friday 5th October** – Teacher Training Day
- **Thursday 11th October** – 2nd Family Thrive session
- **Wednesday 17th October** – 3rd family Thrive session
- **Monday 22nd October** – Harvest Festival
- **Friday 26th October** – Choccy Dress Down Day

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 26th October and opens Monday 5th November

- **Friday 9th November** – Bottle Dress Down Day
- **Friday 23rd November** – Autumn Fayre

With many thanks for your continued support and here's to another exciting year!

Mrs Faye Parish

Head Teacher

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