

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to the new academic year! The children have fully settled into their new classes and lessons are in full swing. Below is just a glimpse of what has been happening in school and what is planned over the next few weeks.

Getting to Know You Dinners

This week we have hosted Years 4, 5 and 6 for their Getting to Know You Dinners where parents have had the chance to meet their year group specific staff and understand what the year ahead will look like. We'd like to say a big thank you to the parents who attended and took part. Teachers are looking forward to hosting parents in the coming weeks so that we are able to share the classroom experience. Next week we are excited to invite in the Year 3 parents and carers for their Getting to Know You Dinner on Tuesday 19th September from 4-5pm. Year 3 pupils will join us in Infants Commons rather than being picked up by you on the playground.

Juniors in Action!



Website and email

We are working hard to make the website a better source of information for all parents and to keep it updated each week – sometimes even daily. Please do check the announcements section as if we've got anything important to communicate to you – it will always appear there!

Music in Juniors

Year 3 were incredibly excited to have their first music lesson this week. They sang songs together and were introduced to their string teachers. They saw some performances on the cello, violin and viola and learnt about which instrument they would begin to learn next week. Both teachers and children are very excited for next week to start making music together with their new instruments!

Parent Coffee Mornings – Every Friday, 08:30 – 09:30

Our first coffee morning of the academic year took place this morning and it was well attended. Many thanks to those of you who were able to make it! The next one will take place next Friday 22nd September and will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please contact Louise Hall if you would like to help run the event – we would be delighted if you could contribute by bringing cakes for us to sell in aid of this charity.

Dismissal

Please remember, school finishes at a different time on Mondays.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Finishing times	<u>2.55pm</u>	4pm	4pm	4pm	4pm

Picking up Juniors

An important part of working together with parents comes from the parent/carer contact with teachers at the beginning and end of each school day. We understand that it is not always possible for parents to collect their children themselves, and on occasion you may ask another trusted adult to collect your child. In order to ensure that we can safeguard your child, and only send them home with appropriate adults, please ensure you have completed the parent pickup form with full details and photographs of all of the adults who you may ask to collect your children throughout the year by Monday.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tues 19 th Sep	16.00-17.00	Year 3 Getting to Know You Dinner
Friday 22 nd Sep	08:30 – 09:30	Parent Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support Focus:

Friday 22 nd Sep	15.15- 15.40	Junior School Celebration Assembly Year 6 Perform
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Appointments

Unless your child has an urgent appointment which cannot be rearranged, all appointments during the school day will not be authorised. Please make non-urgent appointments (dental check-ups, eye tests and routine doctor's appointments) for times outside of the school day or in the school holidays. If your child does have an urgent appointment which cannot be rearranged, you should communicate this with your child's head of year.

PSHE

On Tuesday 26th September, we will be starting our first PSHE cycle of this year. The children will be learning all about how to keep themselves healthy. This cycle will run from 26th September to 19th December. If you would like more information on the PSHE curriculum, please see the school website.

Uniform Reminder

Most pupils have arrived wearing the correct uniform, which is great to see! If children are missing a particular part of their uniform they will come home with a uniform slip. It's really important that the children are wearing black shoes, not boots or trainers. We have spare shoes in school that we will lend to children. In this instance, we will keep the original shoes safe and return them once the correct shoes are brought in. This will take effect from Monday morning.

Clubs

We have extended the clubs sign up until 9am on Monday. Please see the website for the list of clubs, the booking form and the link to parent pay. Clubs will begin on Tuesday 19th September. Children are able to sign up to as many clubs as they'd like!

Summit Stamps

It has been very exciting to see lots of children showing you their reading record books and diaries at the end of the day with their Summit Stamps for reaching the summit of the mountain chart.



Ms. Kumar



Head of Juniors

