

Friday 26th August 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

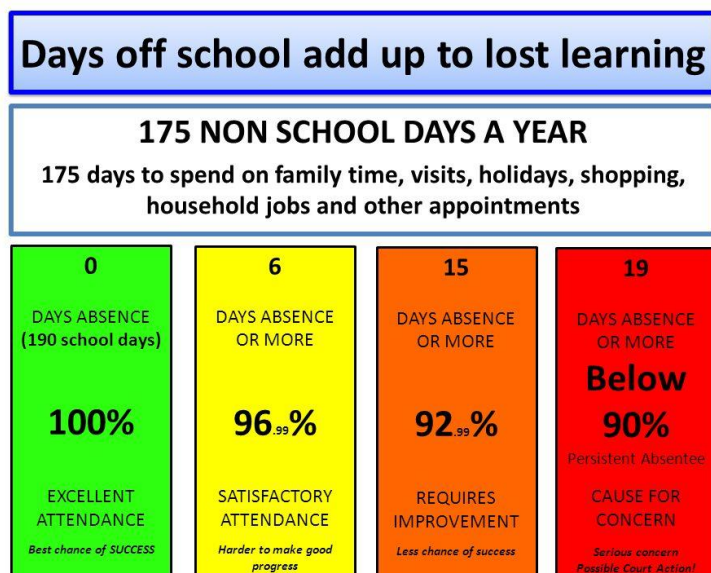
It is a pleasure to meet you all and to introduce myself as the Head of School. I hope you have enjoyed the summer break and you have been able to spend time with you friends and families. I am looking forward to the new academic year – it is an exciting time and we can not wait to welcome back the children.

There will be a parent's 'welcome back to school' meeting on 6th September at 6pm. The aim of this meeting is to introduce myself and to update you about school processes and arrangements.

The school term will begin on Tuesday 30th August. The school gates will be open at 8:30am and the class teachers will be on the playground at 8:35am so that the children can begin to line up outside their classrooms at 8:40am. The school day starts at 8:45am. The classroom doors and the playground gates will close as learning will begin at 8:50am so it is important that your child is in school on time ready to learn. If you and your child arrive after 8:50am then you will have to come through the main reception doors. Registration takes place at 8:50am and the registers are closed at 9:00am so if children arrive after 9:00am they will be marked down as late on the register as learning will already have begun. If you are ten minutes late every day this adds up to 32 hours of lost learning each year or over 6 days of learning.

Attendance

The government and the DfE have updated the attendance policy for all schools as of September 2022. Therefore, it is important that we all try our very best to be punctual and to bring children to school every day. The school office has to monitor attendance very closely now as all schools will be monitored by the DfE and LA.



The school day begins at 8:45am but please be aware that the end of the day has increased by 5 minutes now. The school day will end at 3:15pm, this is to ensure that we meet the DfE expectations of the 32.5 hours per week for primary education. Teachers and LSAs will release the children at the end of the school day from the classroom as

usual. Please be on time, if you know that you are going to be late to collect your child then please contact the school office and we can arrange for them to join wrap around care club. If you are later than 3:30pm, your child will have to wait in the wrap around care after school club and you will have to pay for this service.

Bikes and Scooters

We want to keep everyone safe when they enter the school grounds so, please ensure that your child is walking when they come through the school gates. We encourage adults/children to ride their bikes and scooters to school but as soon as adults/children reach the school gate they need to walk and push their bikes/scooters.

School Uniform

If you need to purchase school uniform, then please contact Miss Willett in the school office and she will help you with your order.

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All children should be in school uniform. If you have difficulties obtaining school uniform then please get in touch through the school office.

- BLACK OR GREY trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore/checked purple dresses
- PLAIN WHITE shirt with collar/polo shirt/blouse with collar
- PURPLE sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan/fleece
- BLACK school shoes only – not branded trainers or slip-on shoes
- Sun hats for sun safety when appropriate

PE Kits

Every year group will require a PE kit to be bought into school on the very first week. PE lessons will begin on Tuesday 30th August so please make sure that your child has their kit with them and they store it in their locker or on their school peg (EYFS).

- Black shorts
- Purple t-shirt
- Plimsolls (trainers are allowed for outdoor sports)
- Outdoor PE kit is needed weekly – we recommend black jogging bottoms and a black sweatshirt
- PE kits should be kept in a named bag
- Long hair must be tied back
- Earrings should be removed or covered with medical tape on PE days. We recommend that where possible earrings should not be worn in school.

It is essential that all children have correct PE kit in school every day, as mentioned earlier please get in touch if you are having any difficulties.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will start this year in KS2. A letter will be sent home shortly via email to explain the details, dates and timings etc.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not part of the school uniform so please ensure that your child does not wear jewellery to school where possible. It may cause injury, get lost or get damaged during the school day. Please leave jewellery at home.

Pack Lunches and School Meals

Some families are eligible for free school meals, if you are interested in finding out more then please speak to our school office staff who will be able to help and guide you with this information. We encourage all eligible families to apply for free school regardless of whether you receive a free KS1 meal because it brings more funds into the school.

Dates for Autumn 1 Term 2022

Date	Event
Monday 29 th August 2022	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 th August 2022	First Day of School
Monday 5 th September 2022	PTA Drop-in Meeting – Info about AGM – School Hall – 5:30pm
Tuesday 6 th September 2022	Parent's 'Welcome Back to School' Information Evening – Hall – 6pm
Thursday 8 th September 2022	International Literacy Day
Friday 9 th September 2022	Deadline for PTA Nominations
Monday 12 th September	Fossebrook Friends AGM – 6pm to 8pm – all welcome
Tuesday 13 th September	Road Dahl Story Day
Tuesday 13 th September	Year 6 Warning Zone Trip – all day
Thursday 15 th September	Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents – 6pm – For parents of Y5 and Y6 pupils (2023 and 2024 visit)
Friday 16 th September 2022	National LSA Day – Celebrate our TAs!
Monday 19 th September to Friday 25 th September	Recycle Week – Celebrate recycling across the nation (18 th Year)
Monday 26 th September to Friday 30 th September	Bike to School Week
Thursday 29 th September 2022	Phonics Parents Workshop (EYFS & KS1) – 6pm
Friday 7 th October 2022	Y6 Class Assembly (2:30 until 3:00) – Invite parents
Tuesday 11 th & Wednesday 12 th October 2022	Parents Evening (Face to Face)
Thursday 13 th October 2022	Last day of half term School closes for October half term break
Friday 14 th October 2022	Teacher Inset Day – School Closed

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022:

First Day of School - Tuesday 30th August 2022

Autumn Half term Holiday – Thursday 13th to Friday 21st October 2022

Autumn 2 Starts - Monday 24th October 2022

School Closes - Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023:

School Opens - Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring Half Term Holiday – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February 2023

Spring 2 Starts – Monday 27th February 2023

School Closes – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

School Opens – Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023

Summer Half Term Holidays – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

School Closes – Wednesday 12th July 2023

Inset Days:

Tuesday 23rd August 2022

Wednesday 24th August 2022

Thursday 25th August 2022

Friday 26th August 2022

Friday 14th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

We are really looking forward to working with your wonderful children as we have many new and exciting learning initiatives and sporting opportunities to share with you this year.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Warm regards

Mrs Stone
Head of School