

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter for this academic year and please accept our apologies for its late delivery.

It has been a very busy few weeks and it has been wonderful to finally get some normality back into the timetable. The children are very much enjoying the freedom to mix with each other at playtime and lunchtime and there is a general buzz of excitement around the school. The children have settled into their new classes very well and we have welcomed 30 new pupils into EYFS, all of whom are making friends and getting used to school beautifully.

COVID updates:

We are maintaining stringent cleaning and sanitising systems and are ventilating the classrooms. Your child is able to bring in additional layers now that the weather is turning colder, but please ensure they are in their correct uniform in the first instance.

We are also aware that at this time of year children are prone to coughs and colds and this makes it difficult to decide whether to send your children to school. If they are generally well, with no temperature, please send your children to school. We are able to administer medication so please do not keep your children off if they need calpol or antibiotics-you just need to complete a form in the office. If you are unsure what to do, please call the office for advice.

We have also decided to keep **parents 'evenings** remote for this term. These will take place from 3.30pm-6pm on **Wednesday 3rd November and Thursday 4th November**. Information about how to book your telephone appointment will be sent out nearer the time.

We are hopeful that after half term we will be able to have more face-to-face events and that after school sports will resume.

PTA:

We have been unable to have face to face PTA meetings or events for the past academic year due to COVID. As parents of the school you are automatically a member of the PTA and we would like your support with events moving forward. Look out for information soon.

Sport:

This year we have signed up to the Hinckley and Bosworth School Sports Partnership and are looking forward to an exciting calendar of events over the year. Our Y5/6 football team played on Thursday last week-the first ever football team to represent our school. It was a very close match, which we lost 2-1 but the team were an absolute credit to the school and played some fantastic football. We are looking forward to seeing what they and our other teams can do! Our next match is for the y5/6 girls football team who will be playing in a festival on Tuesday 28th September.

WAC:

Our WAC provision is now very popular and is full on most days. Please remember to book your places online in advance to secure a spot as we cannot guarantee a space will be available on the day. Thank you.

General reminders:

Dinner money-please note that children from Y3 upwards who are not entitled to free school meals need to pay for school dinners. These cost....If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal, please contact the office for more information.

Please make sure your child's uniform is named- we are already acquiring a pile of lost property that cannot be returned to its owner.

Please remind your children not to ride their bikes and scooters on school grounds as this can be dangerous for our walking families.

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, they need to be left in the office for safekeeping.

A number of children are now walking to and from school. Please note that we do need your written permission to be put on file.