

Learning and Growing Together

8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you and your children have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and had lots of fun together. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and looking very smart. It is so nice to see them settle into their new classes and connect with friends old and new. They have impressed us with how quickly they have adapted back into school routines and coped with the early mornings. Everyone has made a positive and happy start. Mr Rhodes and our cleaners have done a brilliant job as always getting everything so clean and tidy. Teachers and teaching assistants have spent many days in the holidays, getting the school and classrooms ready.

Academisation

The academy process has continued over the summer after all the consultations closed at the end of last term. We are currently on target to convert to Hatchell Wood Primary Academy on 1st October and are really looking forward to this new phase of the Hatchell Wood story with the opportunities that it will bring for the children and staff.

School Uniform

- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned if misplaced
- Skirts must be of a suitable length for school and not too short
- Please remember the only jewellery permitted are small stud-type earrings and a wrist watch. These must be removed by children themselves for P.E. lessons
- Children should wear black shoes, not trainers please. If children do attend in trainers, they will be given black indoor pumps to change into
- We will let you know in due course about how to purchase new jumpers and cardigans with the new academy logo on. There is **no** expectation that you have to replace current jumpers or cardigans or that you are required to have a jumper with the new logo on
- Can I also remind parents that nail varnish/nail art and temporary tattoos are not permitted

Punctuality

Thank you for ensuring children have been arriving on time to school. Please remember the doors open at 8.40am and all pupils must be in by 8.45am for registration when the doors will close promptly. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring all children have a calm, happy start to each school day.

School Dinners and ParentPay

- Could we remind you that school dinners and breakfast club must be paid via ParentPay prior to attending
- Please could you let the office know in writing if your child wishes to change from dinners to packed lunch or vice versa. Children are only allowed to change at the start of each new half term.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please telephone 01302 737777



Password System

Our password system is now up and running. If you would like somebody to pick your child up that we do not know, if you give them the password we will be able to allow them to go without having to contact you or you having to contact us during the day before they do.

Water Bottles

Please remember to take your child's water bottle home each day and wash it thoroughly. Children should fill their bottle at home, ready for the new school day, and they can refill their bottle when needed at school. It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Parents Evenings

Our Autumn term Parents' Evenings will be on 24th and 26th October. We hope that all parents/Carers will meet with Class Teachers to see how their children have settled into their new class and discuss their curricular targets for the year

Holiday Dates

Training days are on;

- 4th September
- 9th February
- 27th October
- 3rd May
- 23rd July

| September (20 Days) | October (20 Days) | November (19 Days) |
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Total: 195 days – 5 additional days will be set for professional development days for teaching staff

Yours sincerely,

J Harris
Headteacher