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Dear Parent,

Our term is well under way now as the children continue to settle into their classes, make new friendships and work in their new books.

I hope that if you attended the curriculum information evening this week that you found the input helpful. A curriculum information sheet, giving you an overview of what the children will be learning during the term will be sent home in the next few days. We hope that you find this useful in supporting your child's learning at home.

We have a busy term ahead of us so please find listed below dates, information and reminders for your attention.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that mobile phones should not be used in school at any time including soft start. Not only are they distracting for children if they start to ring but from a safeguarding perspective we need to be sure that phones are not being used to take photos inappropriately of the children.

Parent Helpers in School

If you feel that you would be available to help in school on a regular basis we would be pleased to hear from you. Any adult helping in school will need to undertake a DBS check which we can organise. We would not normally get a parent to help in the same class as their child and could not allow babies or toddlers in school during the school day. If you feel that you can help at any time please collect a slip from Mrs Brown in the office. We will then add you to our database and call on you when needed. If you are already on our list you do not need to complete the form again.

Assemblies

On a Friday we have separate Phase One and Two assemblies. These Friday assemblies are in part celebration assemblies where children can bring in any certificates, reading challenge medals or trophies they may have been awarded for activities undertaken outside school. The children will have the opportunity to show these but please remember that it is on a Friday only.

Open Door Charity

Last year both Year Three classes undertook a small enterprise project to raise money for charity. They raised £148 for the Open Door charity through a variety of ventures. This money will be presented to Open Door in Assembly so well done and thank you.

End of the Day/Playground Update

The playground and Year Six classroom works are reaching completion now and although there will be some minor tasks to finish off, we are expecting to have hand over on Friday. The children have enjoyed watching the process through the fence but are looking forward to having the extended space to play in!

Thank you very much for all your patience with our temporary arrangements for dismissing the children at the end of the school day. Unless you hear from me via text message in the interim we shall be dismissing the children from their normal places from Monday onwards. This means that Lime, Apple, Aqua and Sky will continue to be dismissed from their current doors. Scarlet, Crimson, Amber, Vermillion, Gold and Saffron will all be dismissed from the sports pitch side of the playground. The children will line up with their backs to the school building facing the play equipment. I will put marker cones out on Monday so that you will have an idea of where the classes will be.

Walking Bus

A number of schools in Hertfordshire operate walking buses in the mornings. A walking bus is a safe and fun way to enable groups of children to walk to school together, accompanied by trained adult volunteers. The bus follows a set route and timetable and children join at 'bus stops' along the way. Before I do any further work on this, it would be useful to know if this is something you would be interested in using. If you think that you may be interested in finding out more about walking buses can you please email the office with "walking bus" in the message title with your name and child's class. If there is enough interest I will investigate further.

Dates for the Autumn Term

30 th September	Individual and Sibling Photographs
30 th September	PTA Coffee morning for MacMillian and Nearly New Uniform Sale
7 th October	Harvest Celebration
13 th October	PTA Bake Sale
13 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations 5 - 8 pm
14 th October	Nasal Spray Vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
14 th October	PTA Mum's Night
17 th October	PTA Afternoon Tea
18 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations 4 - 7pm
19 th October	Bilingual Parents Coffee Morning
20 th October	PTA Halloween Disco for Year 2, 3 and 4
24 th – 28 th	October Half Term
31 st October	Inset Day (school closed)
11 th November	PTA Comedy Night
18 th November	Children in Need event
21 st November	Sustainable Week
3 rd December	PTA Christmas Fair
7 th December	Lime/Apple Class Concert
8 th December	Sky/Aqua Class Concert
9 th December	PTA Popcorn Night for Years One and Reception
14 th December	Carol Service at St Peters Church
15 th December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime
16 th December	PTA Coffee morning
21 st December	End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher