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## NEWSLETTER 1

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

### WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so happily and raring to go. They are already back in the swing of school and enjoying their learning.

### BEING READY FOR LEARNING

We talk to the children about our Golden Rules- *be ready, be respectful, be safe*, which help everyone to be safe, happy and ready to learn at school. One way to help the children be ready for their learning is having what they need with them. Most children are bringing in water bottles to school which is fantastic. It is important that these come in each day with WATER in them, not squash / juice. Please can we also ask that the water bottles are clearly named, to help the children look after their property. We also have some very large water bottles that do not fit in our storage racks, please could bottles be no larger than 18cm diameter.

The children will also be bringing home a new reading folder containing their reading books and new reading record. This simple record just requires a tick on each day they read at home- a minimum of four times a week please. If they maintain this regular reading throughout the term, they will be entered into our termly book raffle. **Please could this reading folder be kept in their bookbag and be brought into school each day.** The children do not need backpacks in school, which we do not have space to store and often do not fit in these reading folders. If your child does not have a bookbag they are available from The Uniform Shop, Olympic Way, Wellingborough.. <https://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk/collections/the-avenue-infant-school-wellingborough>

### P.E. KIT

- ★ Year 2 children have P.E on Tuesday.
- ★ Year 1 have P.E on Thursday.
- ★ Reception children have P.E on Friday in a few weeks time.

Please ensure your child's comes to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day. This should be normal school top half uniform with leggings or joggers and trainers / plimsolls.

### JEWELLERY REMINDER

Child should avoid wearing jewellery at school. Earrings should be stud type (not hoop or dangly earrings). Please can we remind you that **NO** jewellery (including woven thread bracelets or special necklaces) can be worn during any P.E lesson. Children who have recently had ear piercings will **not be able** to take part until their earrings can be removed independently by the child, or are removed by their



parent/carer before the start of the school day. **Adults in school are not permitted to remove children's earrings.** Children may prefer to leave their jewellery at home on the days they have P.E.

### **IMPORTANT ANNUAL PAPERWORK**

Your child recently brought home some paperwork that needs to be completed. Please fill them in and **return them as soon as possible.** Please take time to read them carefully as they contain very important information and if you have any questions please ask. Please write your child's name and return all forms. The forms to return are:

1. Annual Parental Permission for collection from school
2. 2023-2024 Medical information forms- ***to be completed and returned even if your child has no allergies or medical permission please***
3. General permission to take children out of school
4. Parent / carer Acceptable Use Agreement
5. Annual Home-School Agreement (*parent and child to sign*)

These are all on coloured paper and stapled together.

Documents sent home for you to read and keep: Acceptable Use policy for pupils, Privacy notice, Images statement, Pupil Premium letter, Breakfast Club and After School Club flyer.

Please keep a look out for other emails containing important information arriving soon.

### **INHALERS AND OTHER MEDICATION**

Some of you will also need to complete **Medicine Forms** if you have asked us to administer inhalers or other regular medication. A new form is required for the new school year. Please come to the school office to collect a form. Thank you.

***Please remember that we cannot administer any medication that is not clearly marked with a prescription label. It is also your responsibility to ensure medicines are in date and in school when needed. Medication must also be in the original packaging.***

This important information will be disseminated to all the staff who work with your child. It would be appreciated if you could also tell class staff face to face too. Thank you.



### **PUPIL PREMIUM**

What does the Pupil Premium offer mean for my child?

**If appropriate to individual need, you could be offered:**

Support for uniform cost  
Outside visits subsidies  
Flexible breakfast provision offer  
Bespoke individual pupil support in school  
Access and support for wider school clubs  
Wellbeing support  
Books to build a home library  
Support wider school provision and quality of teaching and learning  
Additional staff to support pupils and whole school improvements  
Pastoral support for pupils  
Parental advice and support  
Work on targets to address any barriers to learning for pupils

To apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium please complete an online form which will give you an instant decision. Please follow this link: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

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## **COMMUNICATION**

Please note we are no longer using the Weduc app. Please do not use this for communication with school.

## **YEAR 2 PARENTS:**

From 9<sup>th</sup> September, you will be able to apply online for your child's Junior School place. Please use this link below:

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places/when-apply-primary-school-place>

Applications need to be in before 5pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. **PLEASE NOTE, EVERY YEAR 2 CHILD AT THIS SCHOOL MUST APPLY FOR A YEAR 3 PLACE OR THEY MAY NOT GET THEIR PREFERRED SCHOOL.**

## **DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?**

Applications for Reception school places open on 8<sup>th</sup> September and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January via the same link above. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this process.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL  
THE TOYS AND THE  
CLIMBING FRAME  
ARE OUT OF BOUNDS  
TO ALL CHILDREN (AND  
ADULTS!)**

*(INCLUDING YOUNGER (OR  
OLDER!) BROTHERS, SISTERS,  
COUSINS, FRIENDS ETC.)*

**THANK YOU**

## **COATS AND JUMPERS**

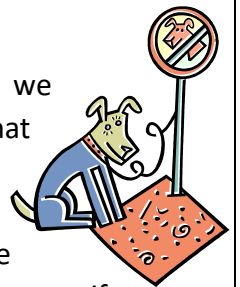
Your child will be playing outside at lunchtimes and playtimes every day (even if it is drizzling) so please do send in light coats and jumpers/cardigans each day now as the weather could change at any time over the next weeks.



Many thanks.

## **DOGS**

Please can we remind you that we do not allow dogs into the playground (even if carried)! If you bring a dog with you to collect your children, please arrange for it to be looked after outside the school grounds and well away from the gate. Thank you.



## **PRE-LOVED UNIFORM**

Don't forget our page on the Uniformd website [www.uniformd.co.uk](http://www.uniformd.co.uk) is well-stocked with clean, good condition pre-loved uniform available at very affordable prices. This is updated as we receive stock so please keep an eye on it and grab a bargain! If you wish to donate uniform that is outgrown but in good condition, please bring it to school.

## **GET INVOLVED WITH THE STRATEGIC RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL**

We will shortly be asking if any parents / carers may be interested in standing as a parent representative on our school Governing Body. This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to give some of your time to support the school but does have a level of time commitment, mostly evening meetings, around 10-12 a year. We also have vacancies for co-opted governors. So if you would like to put yourself forward as a parent governor, please speak to myself or a member of staff in the school office and we can give you further information. We could also put you in contact with one of our other governors who would be able to tell you more about the role and their experience.

## **READING AT THE AVENUE**

We are very proud of the progress all the children made in their reading last year and look forward to this continuing this year. Well done to all those children who participated in Wellingborough Library's Summer Reading Challenge (there is still time to finish this if your child started it). We were so impressed with the number of The Avenue participants this year and look forward to seeing the certificates and medals in Celebration Assembly. Please remember; the Book Shed is available before and after every school day, on the front playground; please help yourself to a book (or two) and return it once your child has enjoyed it.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

A useful 'cut out and keep' diary for this term is included at the end of this letter.

We look forward to an exciting school year ahead and working with you all. Please remember that staff are always happy to answer queries / worries.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morrall (Mrs)

Headteacher

*See below for this term's dates*

### **CUT OUT AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE**

#### **AUTUMN TERM 1**

School opens to Y1 and Y2 pupils for start of Autumn Term	~	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
School opens to new Reception pupils (part time sessions)	~	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception pupils in part time including lunchtime	~	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception children in full time 8.50 – 3.10pm	~	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 8.50 – 9.10am
Cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care	~	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception Information Evening	~	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
Parents evenings	~	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50 – 9.10am
School closes for half term break	~	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm
School <u>closed</u> to pupils for staff training	~	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
School <u>opens</u> to pupils for Autumn Term 2	~	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 8.50am