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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all delighted to be welcoming you back into school and hope you have had a lovely summer break; hasn't the weather been great! For those who are new to the school, we are looking forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. This letter will keep you up to date with any changes and information you might find useful.

Contact and Communication

- The Office is open from 8:30am – 4pm daily. Before or after this time, please leave an answer phone message.
- The school answer phone is also on when staff are particularly busy looking after the children so please do not hesitate to leave a message.
- If you have an urgent message for the class teacher, please communicate via the school office.
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Tel: 02380 732289
- Class teachers will continue to follow the behaviour policy and only make contact if 'Parent Contact' is reached, anything before parent contact on the behaviour board will be dealt with in school as per policy.
- Teachers will not respond to any email that is sent to them directly.
- Our SENCo, Mrs Pearce, can offer appointments for the days she is in school. This is usually Wednesday and Thursday but is subject to change. Appointments must be made via the school office.
- Appointments to see members of the Senior Leadership Team must also be made via the school office. Your request will be dealt with by Mrs Jearrad, Mr Booth and Mrs Skeels as appropriate.
- Home-School Communication books have changed this year. Each child will have a reading record book for you to record that you are hearing your child read at home, this can also be used for non- urgent communication with the class teacher as necessary.

PE Kits

A change for this year is for all children in Years 1 to Year 6 can come to school in their PE kit on PE days. This means the children will get more time to engage in sport during their lesson. Year R will still come in wearing school uniform and change into PE kit as this is part of their assessed development showing that they are able to dress and undress themselves.

Year Group	PE Session 1	PE Session 2
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Monday	Thursday
Year 3	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Wednesday

PE kit consists of:

Trainers

Plain black shorts

House coloured plain t-shirt

Plain black tracksuit or leggings with plain black jumper

Please note: children are not allowed to wear football kits in school.

House	Colour
Watts	Yellow
Templeton	Green
Miller	Blue
Mitchell	Red

Outdoor Learning

We are very excited to be putting a greater emphasis on outdoor learning this academic year. Each class has got a designated time within the week to engage in learning outdoors. Staff had training on one of the INSET days and were given lots of creative and engaging activities to do in specific areas. Therefore, we have now extended part of our tree area on the field to be used solely for this purpose and not open for free play.

We will certainly be hoping for some more wild flowers and home grown produce this year!

The children will be using these areas in all weathers so please ensure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear in school.

Class	Outdoor learning day
R	Friday
1	Tuesday
2	Tuesday
3	Thursday
4	Thursday
5	Monday
6	Wednesday

We request that all children refrain from entering the wooded area nearest Year 6, particularly during drop off and pick up times.



Reading with your child

Reading is absolutely fundamental in every child's development. A child's ability to read impacts on every lesson and their life journey. Please listen to your child read at home for at least 10 minutes every day. A good way to check on their understanding is ask them questions about what they have just read. We ask that you sign your child's reading record to show you have listened to the read as we track this in school and discuss progress with you at parents meetings.

Values

Our Cyril Squirrel 5 R's continue to be our main focus in celebration and expectation over the coming year. We will be supporting the children in becoming independent in recognising that they are Ready, Responsible, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective when returning to school.

Our Christian Values of Love, Hope and Courage will feature strongly throughout with one as a feature each term. We will be looking to present 7 more children with the NAVE (Nursling Award for Values and Etiquette) award at the end of the year!

House points

Children will be earning house points again this year for individual achievement and for their house. Each class has a house point chart in their room. As house points are gathered, the children will get awarded at various milestones.

25 points = badge

50 points = band

75 points = lucky dip

100 points = token for their house team and certificate in assembly.

Break time, Lunch time and Castle

We have all really enjoyed the introduction of the castle to our play times and lunch times. To enable every class to have a day when they are able to use the castle, EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have separate break times and lunch play times. On Friday's the children who have been identified in Celebration assembly, will be supervised to use the castle altogether.

As a polite reminder, the castle is only to be used during the school day by children who attend the school whilst supervised by school staff. We thank you for your cooperation.

School meals

The children eat in the hall, sat on tables with their class.

Fresh hot meals are prepared on site and can be ordered at morning registration. Free School Meals are available to all those who are entitled to have one.

If your child brings in a packed lunch, please help us to promote healthy eating and healthy choices.

We do have children with severe nut allergies so please AVOID anything that CONTAINS NUTS.

Attendance

DfE guidance states 'School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.'



Please ensure all illness related absence is telephoned or emailed into the school office by 8:50am otherwise our safeguarding procedures will be activated and may include a home visit from a member of staff. We will be re-introducing afternoon tea with Mrs Jerrad with all 100% attendance children at the end of each term!

We do appreciate that times remain challenging for everyone particularly with the cost of rising energy bills but please do let us if you are finding times particularly tough so that we can see if there is anything we can do to support you.

Kind regards



Mrs Jerrad
Headteacher



