



Dear parents and carers,

As we have come to the end of the summer term and the end of this academic year I felt it was important to share a few key pieces of information with you.

Information Sessions in September: PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!

During the first week back in September, we will be holding some important information sessions for parents and carers.

These sessions are run for each key stage and will provide you with key information about:

- Expectations for the year ahead and our key priorities
- Key days and dates, including trips and costings for the year
- Topics the children will be learning about
- Homework
- Regular communication and feedback
- How you can support your child at home

They will run in the school hall at the following times:

- **2.45 p.m. on Wednesday 6th September** - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2 pupils)
- **3.20p.m. on Wednesday 6th September** for Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4 pupils)
- **3.45p.m. on Wednesday 6th September** for Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6 pupils)

All children are welcome to attend these sessions (and siblings). It is important to have as many of you attend as possible as it is a great opportunity to hear about the year ahead and how you can support your child in their learning.

We recognise that there might be some parents who need to wait at school after the end of the day if they are staying for the 3.45 p.m. (year 5 and year 6) meeting – we will have refreshments available in the Butterfly classroom with Mrs Fowler, Mrs Gill and Mrs Duston while you wait.

School Dinner Prices for September:

At Easter, Herts Catering made the decision to increase the price of school dinners but we felt we could not increase the prices we charge mid- year. However, from September the price of school dinners will need to increase to **£2.40**.

Homework:

As mentioned in a previous email, thank you to all parents and carers who completed the survey on homework. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough parents come forward to start a working party, but the detailed responses to the survey have helped us to start drafting a new homework policy. We will share this at the start of the Autumn term by running a small number of information sessions to explain how our new policy will work.

Optional holiday homework:

If children get bored during the holiday or would like to do some optional homework, teachers would be more than happy to receive pieces of homework (3D work, information pages, pieces of Art work or whatever they choose to produce) about the animal which is the name of their class. Our door displays in the autumn term will focus on their class animal and it would be lovely to see some of the great creativity and research that the children produce on display!

Thank you:

Last, but not least, may I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to so many of you who have supported us in so many different ways throughout this year. Whether you have helped with a mural at school, helped out with the Friends of Watton, provided us with valuable feedback or taken the time to say thank you in recognition for how hard our members of staff work – we are very grateful to you.

We all genuinely want the best for your children and we are determined to ensure they aim high in all they do. Your ongoing support, valuable feedback and gratitude help us in continuing to grow, improve and be the best that we can be!

Have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September (Monday 4th September)!

With very best wishes

Zoe Hussain
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