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KS1 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the changes to the beginning and end of the school day. To clarify:

Year 1

Parents with a Year 1 child will pick up and drop off at the Year 1 classrooms from the back playground. Access from the back alley. Older siblings can also be dropped off and collected from this playground. Please bear in mind that the school day finishes at 3.05pm for KS2 children so there may be a little wait before they join you. Any siblings in Foundation may be taken to and collected from the Nursery door further up the back alley. The gate to the Year 1 playground will be opened at 2.55pm at pick up time.

If your child is late to school then they will have to be taken to the main office at the front of the school as the gate at the back will be locked.

Year 2

A bell or whistle will sound at 8:40am in the big playground. At this time Year 2 children will line up with their class and be taken into their classroom.

Please make sure that your child is on time (line up 8.40am ready for an 8.45am start), so that they do not miss essential input from their teacher(s).

Uniform

Many thanks to all of the children who are wearing their school uniform every day. A reminder to parents that children are expected to wear full uniform every day and have full PE kit in school at all times.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am and is free of charge.

Attendance

Unless your child is unwell please make sure that they come to school every day so that they do not miss essential input from their teacher(s).

This year there will be a variety of rewards for children with 100% attendance:

- 100% weekly attendance will be awarded with free juice and biscuits. **Please note this is the only juice and biscuits that will take place and therefore 50p on Friday will no longer be needed.**
- Points mean prizes. In addition to receiving free juice and biscuits each time your child has 100% weekly attendance, they will be awarded 5 points. These points can then be exchanged in the school shop for a prize.
- At the end of the academic year, children with 100% attendance will be rewarded with a trip to Flamingo Land or similar.

Reading and Homework

Reading is such an important skill for your child and we do our best to ensure children leave KS1 as fluent readers. Reading with your child at home really helps us do this, 5 or 10 minutes reading at home each day has a real impact.

Reading workshops will be organised for parents later in the school year. In the meantime, if you need any help or advice on how to support your child at home with their reading - please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Additionally, to reading Year 1 children will take home key words to learn and Year 2 will have spellings and maths fortnightly.

After school Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 11th September 2017 - refer to separate letter.

Children's University - Year 2 children only

After school clubs are validated by the CU and this is a way your child can continue to earn points in school. There will be an opportunity in a few weeks for children taking part in CU to update their learning passports. It is never too late to sign up. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Stevens who is the Children's University coordinator.

<u>Dates for your diary</u>		
<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>
Wednesday 13 th - Friday 15 th from 3:05pm	Whole school	Wardle & Jones will be selling books in the school playground linked to your child's current theme 'Magic & Mystery'.
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 1	School nurse in - vision tests.
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Whole school	Parents Evening
Monday 16 th October 2017	Whole School	One World Week
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	Whole School	Harvest- see letter for more information

PE Timetable:

Year 1 PE	Tuesday Morning
Year 2 PE	Tuesday Afternoon

In the event you wish to discuss anything further please contact the office to arrange a time.

Yours sincerely

J Conner
KS1 Phase Leader