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NEWSLETTER 01 - 8th SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

It's great to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes. If your child is new to school or has just joined the nursery, please feel free to catch me in the playground or come up to the office if you have questions or concerns at any time.

WELCOME

Miss Scarborough has joined us as a Teacher in Willow Class, Mrs Stinson has joined us as a Teaching Assistant based in Beech Class and Mrs Gozney has joined us as Admin Assistant and will be working on Wednesdays and Fridays. I am sure they will soon feel part of the team and that everyone will make them feel welcome.

WATER BOTTLES & PE KITS

All full time children need to bring a water bottle (tap water only) into school each day. They also need a PE kit at school every day (white t shirt and black/navy shorts). **Please, please, please make sure they have these things in school every day and that all your child's possessions are named. Thank you.**

READING MEETING



Mrs Mace and Miss Parsons will be holding a reading meeting for parents of children in Reception (F2) on Tuesday 12th Sept at 9 am in the hall. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend we will send home the pack and please feel free to catch your child's teacher after school if you have any questions.

SCHOOL MEALS AND MILK

Notts County Council will no longer be providing paper copies of menus. You will need to go to www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/menus - scroll down to primary schools, click on school meals menu, scroll down to Hallcroft Infant School. All full time children receive a Universal Free School Meal as part of the DFE scheme.

When your child reaches the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free milk. School or yourselves should receive a reminder prior to them turning 5. Any queries in relation to this, please see Mrs Bower in the office.

SCHOOL CLUBS



Don't forget that Breakfast Club is available every morning, at a cost of £3.00, you can bring children from 8:00am. **Children in Reception and Year 1 who are currently in receipt of free school meals may attend breakfast club for free.** Lunch Club is also available from 11.50 - 1.00 pm (am pupils) and 11.15 am until 1.00 pm (afternoon pupils) at a cost of £2.50 or £4.79 including a school dinner. Pupils taking up 30 hours free childcare can choose to pay for 30 hour lunch club at a cost of £2.00 per day.

PAYMENTS

In order to increase office capacity, please pay for breakfast club and lunch club and 30 hour lunch club in the following way:

Payment in full for the following week to be made by the previous Friday, ie, paying on Friday for the following week. You will need to choose packed lunch/school dinners and will not be able to change until the following week. CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAY UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID IN ADVANCE. Please comply with this to avoid awkward situations for the office staff, if you have a particular difficulty then feel free to come and talk to me.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Sports Club runs on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.20 - 4.30 and costs £2.50. This club is run by an external provider Sports for Kids like Yours but myself or another member of staff also remains on site. Could you please ensure you pay & tell us that your child will be attending at the office for Sports Club by Wednesday morning. **If you are unable to pay for any reason, for safety reasons, please ensure the office know your child is staying. You must send your child with a separate sports kit.**



NSPCC PARENT ONLINE SAFETY TALK

We are pleased to tell you that the NSPCC will be joining us in school on Thursday 21st September to talk to the full time children about staying safe. At 2:15 pm they will be doing an online safety talk for parents. Please attend as this will help to keep your children safe now and in the future.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

This will take place on Friday 29th September, times as follows:-

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



9.00 am	Rowan
10:00 am	Oak
11.15 am	Acorns - F1 AM (can go home afterwards)
2.00 pm	Beech (can go home afterwards)
2.30 pm	Willow (can go home afterwards)
3.00 pm	F1 PM

FAMILY COOKING - NORTH NOTTS COLLEGE

Five free sessions are available for you to cook with your child on Thursday afternoons and to take home what you make for tea! These will commence on Thursday 21st September and are available to Reception children. Please book in at the office if you would like to cook with your child.

DISCO

School Disco will take place on Thursday 5th October at the following times:-

Nursery Children (F1/Acorns)	4:30 - 5:15 pm - an adult must stay to supervise
Reception (F2)	5:15 - 6:00 pm - no adults to stay
Year 1 & 2	6:00 - 7:00 pm - no adults to stay

The cost will be £2, letter to follow nearer the time.

ATTENDANCE

As most of you are aware, I am no longer allowed to authorise holidays in term time and these will be recorded as unauthorised. Details are in the attendance booklet (copy available on the website). Please continue to complete a holiday form, it helps with Safeguarding if we know where you are! If your child is going to be absent from school or due to arrive later than 9:00am please let us know preferably before the start of the school day via a telephone call or answer phone message to the office. You can report your child absent as early in the morning as you like as we have an automated answer service. If we don't hear from you Mrs Bower will need to ring/text you before 9:15am. Your anticipated co-operation is greatly appreciated.

APPOINTMENTS



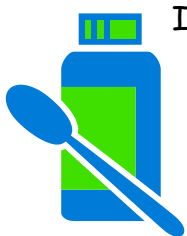
If you need to make doctors/dentist appointments, please do this at certain times, ie, not register times then your child's attendance will remain high. If children miss the register am or pm they are counted as absent for the whole session, however if they register and go at 9:20, for example, they are counted as attending the whole session. The system is strange, I know but we don't choose it.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that you ensure school has up to date contact details for parents/carers, in particular if you change your mobile phone number, please let Mrs Bower know straight away.



ASTHMA/MEDICINES



In line with Government regulations we are not allowed to administer medicines in school, unless it is prescribed as 4 times a day. This is the case for all children unless your child's significant medical needs require an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) that is written in partnership with Health professionals.

If your child has Asthma and needs an inhaler in school, please collect a Parent Consent Form from Mrs Bower in the office and return this to school as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GOVERNORS STATEMENT

The Annual Governors' Budget Statement relating to the financial year 2016-2017 is available to view in the school office on request.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Celebration Assembly will continue on Fridays for full time children during which children will get certificates for behaviour and effort related to their learning. If your child gets a certificate or award etc from an activity they do outside school they are welcome to share it in assembly on Fridays. Just bring it to me in the office. The children will continue to work towards Reading incentives and Gold Box treats.

DIARY DATES

F2 Reading Meeting	9:00 am Tuesday 12th September
Sports Club starts	Wednesday 13th September
North Notts Cookery course	Thursday 21st September for 5 weeks - Beech/Oak Class
MacMillan Coffee Morning	Friday 29 th September
Disco	Thursday 5 th October
Parents Evenings	Monday 9 th October & Wednesday 11 th October
Harvest Festival	9:00 am & 2:15 pm Wednesday 11 th October
Indian Experience Day	Wednesday 18 th October
Christmas Reindeers	Friday 1 st December
Blunderbus Theatre	Friday 8 th December

HOLIDAY & INSET DATES

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>First Day of Closure</u>	<u>School Re-opens</u>
INSET DAY 3	Friday 20 th October	
Autumn Half-Term	Monday 23 rd October 2017	Monday 30 th October 2017
INSET DAY 4	Friday 22 nd December	
Christmas 2017	Monday 25 th December 2017	Monday 8 th January 2018
Spring Half-Term	Monday 19 th February 2018	Monday 26 th February 2018
Easter Holidays	Friday 30 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 th May 2018	Tuesday 8 th May 2018
Summer Half-Term	Monday 28 th May 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018
INSET DAY 5	Monday 9 th July 2018	
Summer 2018	Thursday 26 th July 2018	

We are looking forward to another busy year and I will continue to work towards more parent involvement in school. If you have free time (!!!) and would like to volunteer in school, please come and speak to me.

Joanne Cook
Head Teacher