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Only my best will do; Be kind to one another

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Dear Parents/Carers

At the start of the school year, I would like to welcome you all back. It is so fantastic to see the children back happy and ready for their learning. Already, they are settled into their work and there is a great working buzz around school.

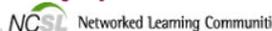
Just a few points to begin with:

Extra-Curricular Timetable:

On Friday, your child will receive the extra-curricular timetable. Our teaching staff are committed to offering a breadth of experiences and do this freely. For this, I am extremely grateful. Please note all clubs, unless you are informed otherwise, will end at 4.00pm. This will avoid any confusion as to your pick up time. Also staff will keep registers. If your child has made a commitment to attend the club, we will expect him/her to honour this and not choose when to come. If 2 consecutive sessions are missed without explanation, we will ask that your child is withdrawn from the club as they are taking up a place which could be offered to another child. There should be no reason for you to call the office asking if your child is in a club. Please only call if there is an emergency for you.

Text Messaging/Class Dojo:

As most of you are aware, we are using Class Dojo now as a means to send you messages. We have been advocating use of this App for some time as text messaging is an expensive drain on school budget. Once you are up and running with this, please be aware that staff will not access Dojo between 5pm and 8am. If you have a concern, please contact the school office as staff will be preparing lessons rather than accessing the app. This is an excellent way for us to send you messages and even has the facility for us and you to translate messages into different languages.



Please download this App, as the text messaging will stop in the next few weeks. We will keep you informed of this. If you haven't already registered for dojo an invite will be sent to you.

School Uniform:

The children all look so smart yet there is a growing number of girls wearing earrings. Our Behaviour Booklet clearly states-no earrings. This is for health and safety reasons. When I ask the girls why they are wearing earrings, they say "My Mum says I can't take them out". If your child continues to wear them, they will be covered in tape.

PE Kit:

Tomorrow we will have our annual school run for KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6). Please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school. All children should have labelled PE kits in school every day.

Birthday Cakes:

As children may have allergies the best way forward is that no cakes can be brought into school. Also if the agreement is that there are no cakes, then no parent will feel pressured or obliged to provide one. Party bags can be brought in to be given out at the end of the school day if you so wish, however please ensure there are no lollipops or products containing nuts included.

Foundation stage parents only:

Every day our foundation children enjoy their snack. Our Foundation Stage teachers have previously been funding this themselves. However, it is now time to make this a more formal arrangement with you. We are asking that the foundation parents give a voluntary contribution of £1 each week (a Monday would be preferable) so that monies collected can be used solely to ensure your child continues to enjoy his/her snack.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jacqui Mulligan

Head of School