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Dear Parents/Carers,

11th June 2021

Class Arrangements

As we approach the final summer term I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our class arrangements for September 2021.

We will be operating 4 classes next year with the following qualified teachers:

Reception & Year 1 - Mrs Stanley (Mrs Siswick will be starting her maternity leave before the start of the new term).

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Morris

Year 3 & 4 - Miss Campbell (followed by Mrs Stocks when she returns from maternity leave)

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Woods

Teaching assistants will also be supporting our children. Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be supported by Mrs Rutherford and Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be supported by Mrs Irving who will be joining us in September.

Due to the extreme variation in the number of pupils in the KS2 classes of Year 5 & 6 and Year 3 & 4, we will be operating a KS2 unit. This will involve children being registered with their class teacher and then accessing opportunities for socialising, interaction and learning in different groups being taught by Mr Woods, Miss Campbell and/or Mrs Irving to meet the children's needs. For example your child may have maths and English with their class teacher but have their grammar or spelling session with a different teacher to address their next steps. Alternatively children across the classes will be given the opportunity to learn and work together in different subjects such as the arts and physical education. Our curriculum plan has been designed so that children in Key Stage 2 follow the same themes across the four years in most subjects although the skills and knowledge taught to the different year groups will vary, meeting the child's individual needs and stage of development. Where the themes are not the same for Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 such as some science topics, children will be taught in their classes.

This year it is necessary to distribute our Year 1 children between two classes following class size legislation. Children in the Reception & Year 1 group will have already been informed which class their child has been allocated too. If you have not received a call, your child will be in the Year 1 & 2 class. Children in Year 1 across both classes will also have weekly opportunities to work with one another and will have playtimes and lunchtimes together.

All children in all classes will have the opportunity to meet their next teacher before the end of the summer term.

Safety

A few parents have also reported near misses in the car park, please could parents be vigilant and reverse park if using the school car park.





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As the weather improves and becomes warmer could we remind parents that children can bring in a water bottle (water not juice please) to use throughout the day. Although we do have a water fountain, it is easier when children have their own water bottle to avoid lengthy queues.

Please could we politely recommend that parents may wish to send children with their sun cream on before school as staff are not allowed to apply the cream to children.

Leavers' Assembly

Our Year 4 and Year 6 children will be preparing for their final assembly this half term. As a school we are still awaiting further Government guidance regarding the possible easing of restriction on 21st June, to see if we are permitted to hold this assembly face to face or whether a recorded assembly will be made available. I will keep you informed as guidance is updated.

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to inform you that the Chester Bears committee have made the decision to start the wrap around care again from 8th September 2021.

Parents wishing to use the wrap around care should confirm the sessions that they would like to book for their child/children and they will confirm those sessions for you before the end of this academic year and email out registration packs for you.

All sessions must be booked in advance, and you will receive an email invoice for session to be paid in advance also. Their session prices are £5 per child for breakfast club 8am-9am and £12.50 per child for after school 3pm-5.30pm. Food is optional but has an addition charge of £1.50 per child per day.

Please note that they require a certain number of children for a session to run, otherwise they would be running at a loss. They are expecting that school bubbles will have been removed by September, however if these are reintroduced, they would not be able to operate as it is not workable for them to have separate bubbles in their Pre-school because they have no additional space to keep children separately.

Cultural topic

Each summer term, the whole school focusses on a different country to immerse children into other cultures and global diversity. This year we are looking at France. The children will be learning about the French culture, geography, arts movements originating in France as well as tasting food from the country and broadening their understanding of the modern foreign language of French. The children will also have the opportunity to work with local artists to create a shared artwork in school.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher
Headteacher

