

# CLOWNE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

I wanted to take this early opportunity to welcome everyone back after the summer break and update you with a few events in what is already looking to be a busy term.

## **Individual /Sibling Photographs (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September)**

Next Monday, the Tempest School photographer will be visiting school to take individual and sibling group photographs. We will have an early start from 8:00am with the sibling groups first. We hope to have these completed by 9:00am so that any Infant pupils can get to school on time. I have spoken to Susie Kirby to ask if she will keep the registers open for a few minutes so children don't receive a late mark. Individual photographs will then be taken during the morning.

## **P.E Kits**

A quick reminder that the children will have regular P.E sessions during their working week. It is easy in the hectic start to the school day to forget kit. We suggest that children bring their kit on Monday morning and take it home for washing on Friday. Please put your child's name in all their personal items.



## **Website**

We now have our new website fully operational. It is much easier to navigate than the old one and hopefully provides you with all the information you require. We will expand its content and facilities over time but for now please have a look and any informal feedback would be appreciated.

## **TxtRound**

Our TxtRound facility continues to be a quick and effective way of sharing information. It has proved invaluable especially on school visits and with last minute changes of plan that so often happen. We need, however, to ensure that we have up to date mobile telephone numbers so please make sure we have yours!

## **Minor Injuries**

Our new policy around injuries is to inform you via text message if the injury is minor. However, we will ring you if your child has had a head bump to discuss whether it is appropriate for them to remain in school or to come home for closer observation.



## **School Uniform**

I am sure that you are aware that we expect all children to wear our school uniform. Towards the end of last year a number of children were beginning to come in non-uniform clothes with, for example, multi-coloured trainers, hoodies instead of sweatshirts, tracksuit bottoms etc. We are asking for your support in ensuring that pupils conform to the dress code. In order to help we have a wide range of clean second-hand uniform in very good condition that is available for you. If you need any extras please ask at school Reception.

## **Parent-Teacher Consultations**

I know it seems a little early to be thinking about parents' evening but I wanted to give you an advance warning of the dates this term. We are planning to offer consultations on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 between 4.00-7.00pm. We will send out appointment slips nearer the time.

## **Term Time Absence**

I am sure we all agree that good attendance is an important factor in helping children to fulfil their potential in school. I would like to remind everyone that Headteachers can authorise, in exceptional circumstances, up to ten days absence. We have always tried to apply the regulations in a sensible and understanding manner with the best interests of children and families at the centre of our decisions.

If you need to apply for time off, please come and talk to me so we can discuss options.

## **Dinner Money**

A quick reminder that school dinners are now £2.10 per day. Money should be sent to school on Monday mornings in a sealed envelope.

## **After-School Pick-up**

We would like to know if anyone other than a parent will be collecting a pupil after 3:10pm as this presents us with a safeguarding issue if we are unaware. Just a note/phone call from you for the office will suffice.

Thank you

Martin Edge

Headteacher

