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'walk as children of light'

Thursday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well. I am sure you will agree, that during this pandemic, it has made us reflect and appreciate the things that we often took for granted. Whilst we are making new paths and paving our own way, we keep firmly in our thoughts, our children here at Hardwicke. Starting school is a great milestone in a little persons' life and we are determined that this will still be the case for our Reception children who start school in September. Mrs Arinze has worked tirelessly in order to gather information about each and every child through telephone contact with you and preschools/nurseries where possible. Hopefully you have continued to look on the school website for recent updates as well as the Hardwicke 'Facebook' page.

In this pack, is further information for you and your child. It includes:

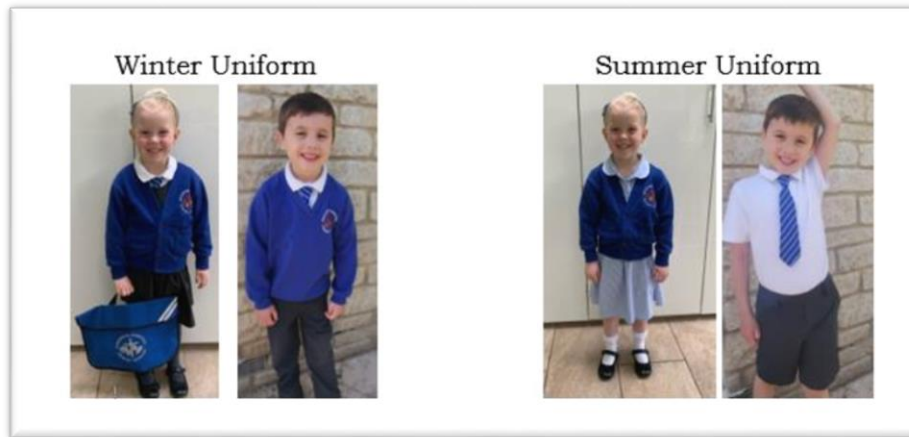
- Important information about reading
- Early Years rewards and sanctions
- Wow vouchers
- Intimate care information (please complete and return)
- Preparing your child for school
- Term dates
- Attendance information
- A Paper plate

Do take time to read through the information carefully and any questions, please email the Early Years Team eyfs@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk. Please could you complete the intimate care form and return this to school before **September 2nd September**. Equally, enclosed is a paper plate. Mrs Arinze and Mrs Channon, who has recently joined our Early Years Team, would like your child to decorate the plate so that it represents their own face! It will then be used to make a whole class display and will be put on display prior to the children starting school! Again please return it as soon as possible!



I would like to remind you about our high expectations, including school uniform. The brochure clearly outlines what the children should wear to school but below is a reminder. Children may wear summer uniform until October half term and then they move into winter uniform until the summer term 2022. Uniform is so important to the children as it gives them a sense of belonging to the Hardwicke family. Thank you for your support with this.





Whilst we will continue to work within the government guidelines to ensure staff and children's safety is a priority, we will continue to prepare for your child's first day at school. As stated in my previous letter, we intend for the children to visit on **Thursday 2nd September from 9:30am-11:00am**. Please ensure that you have returned all of the information that we have requested, so that we have all of the necessary contact information.

In the meantime, please use the Early Years email address should you wish to get in touch-we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wendy D'Arcy'.

Wendy D'Arcy
Headteacher