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A Message from Helen

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to hopefully a return to more normal school life.

We are all really excited to be using our new class names. We welcome two new teachers, Laura Caffrey-Curley to Globetrotters and Kate Burrell to Balloonists. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to our '**Meet the Teacher Afternoon**' on Friday 17th September. There will be a presentation in the studio at 1.30 about how you will be able to access Earwig and see an ever growing record of your child's school life. From 1.45 to 2.30 p.m. you will be able to go into class and see what the children are getting up to as well as meet your child's teacher and class staff. This term, our Early Years classes are looking at Do you want to be Friends?, Primary are looking at Bright Lights, Big Cities, Seniors are exploring Urban Pioneers while the College is investigating the science topic of Blood Heart. I hope that the children will enjoy sharing with you everything they are learning about.

We are also re-naming our school houses after famous explorers in keeping with our motto of 'A caring school, where adventurers happen'. We are keeping the colours the same to avoid any confusion. New pupils will be placed in their house at Friday's assembly and everyone else remains the same. Our green house will now be known as Edmund Hillary, after the first person to climb Everest, blue house will be named after Ellen MacArthur for achieving the fastest solo non-stop voyage around the world and red house will be named after Amelia Earhart known for her solo crossing of the Atlantic.

Autumn is always full of lots of activities especially with a return to swimming, rebound, forest school and riding, for allocated classes. We will also be starting up our breakfast club from 20th September for which a letter will going out as well as a club night for Primary (year1 and above) and another for seniors. More information to follow.

We are also looking forward to holding our Harvest 'Bake-off' and everything that comes with Christmas, although that may seem a long way off! We will be holding our formal Parents' Evening via Zoom, the Wednesday after half term. Please find the school calendar attached with dates for our activity weeks in the summer term as well as the two other inset days. (27th May 2022 tbc)

Please remember that we are a nut free school and help us to keep everyone safe. Please do not book holidays without first completing a holiday form and having it authorised by the school. Whilst we understand the need to take our pupils away out of term time we really don't want them missing exciting learning in school and would like to work with you to avoid this. Please can you phone into school before 9.15 a.m. if your child is not going to be in for any reason. If you can let us know in advance of any appointments, that is really helpful.

We are keeping our staggered starts and finishes which are 8.50 a.m. for school transport, 9.00 a.m. for parent / carer transport, unless your child is in Beachcombers, and then it is 9.10 a.m. Please do not arrive before 9.00 a.m. as we do need to get all the minibuses out before we can let you into the car park. In the afternoons, the times are 3.00 p.m. for school transport and 3.10 p.m. for parent/carers transport.

There are new Covid-19 guidelines and the updated Covid risk assessment is on the school website.

I am looking forward to having a full year of adventures, with lots of fun and learning along the way.

Best wishes
Helen

This Week

OT Group for Down's Syndrome Primary Students: The Live and Love It private occupational therapy group have some places for a six week Occupational Therapy for pre-school/Primary aged children with Down's Syndrome. The course will run in Horsham on Wednesdays 22nd September, 6th October, 20th October, 10th November, 24th November & 8th December at 10am. They request a suggested donation of £5 per session. You can find out more on their Facebook page here:

www.facebook.com/watch/?v=588715668956193&ref=sharing

PTFA Second Hand Uniform: Our PTFA will be selling second hand uniform on our Meet the Teacher afternoon in The Studio from 1.30-1.45. Please note they will only be able to accept payment by cash.

Seniors Photography

The Seniors Photography groups had a great first session of the year yesterday. There were lots of new faces joining the group having moved up from Primary. The existing group members enjoyed sharing their knowledge of the "big" cameras and the new students had their first turns using them to take photos.



Letters Home

Sailors, Divers & Globetrotters Classes plus Beachcombers (Tuesday students only): Forest School letter

Astronauts Class: RDA Riding Lessons letter & form

Seniors Classes & Globetrotters: Cycall letter