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NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term No 1

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope that you have had a restful and happy summer holiday. It's great to see everyone after what feels like quite a long break. A special welcome today to Ms Amy Hughes, who joins us as Year 6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher.

Many congratulations also to Miss Gallagher who got married over the summer holidays and is now using her married name, Mrs Podsiadly.

Meet the Teachers

As in previous years, we are holding short 'Meet the Teacher' sessions over the coming days – either at the very beginning (Infants) or at the end (Juniors) of the school day. Do please try to come into school for ten minutes to meet all the adults who will be working with your child over the coming year. Meetings will take place as follows:

	Start of School 9 am	End of School 3.35 pm
Wednesday 5th Sep	Year R	Year 5
Thursday 6th Sep	Year 1	Year 6
Monday 10th Sep		Year 3
Tuesday 11th Sep	Year 2	
Wednesday 12th Sep		Year 4

School Dinners

Again this year **all** children from Reception through to Year 6 will receive a hot school meal every day without any charge to parents – this is regardless of a child's home circumstances, and whether a family is receiving additional benefits, tax relief or any other form of additional support.

Please be aware that we therefore expect that all children will take a school dinner and we will plan (and pay) for every child to do so; if, for any reason – religious, health or other – you do not wish your child to take a school meal, please arrange to meet with Ms Cookson as soon as possible to discuss any alternative arrangements. You will be asked to sign a document that details these arrangements. Please note, that until this document has been agreed and signed, children will not be allowed to eat a packed lunch from home.

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Please note, children will not be allowed to eat a school dinner on some days and a packed lunch from home on others – they must do the same thing every day.

We are really fortunate with our kitchen staff, and with the quality and variety of our school dinners. We are being clear about this rule in order to plan accurately how much food we buy and to make sure that we are fully aware of any special dietary needs.

Contact Details

Please can you make sure that we have your correct and up-to-date contact details in the office – Shirley can check for you if you think we may have an old address or phone number.

Please note also, that we now **MUST** have at least two contacts for every child – i.e. we must keep a second phone number/address for each child, just in case we cannot contact a child's primary carer. This is following new government guidelines introduced this month.

Important Dates for this Term

Please make a note of these important dates.

Tuesday 16th October	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45 – 6.30 pm
Wednesday 17th October	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45 – 6 pm
Friday 19th October	Break up for half term
Monday 29th October	Return to school
Monday 26th November	INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils (Staff Training)
Friday 21st December	Break up for Christmas Holiday

It was great to see so many children in smart school uniforms this morning, and here on time. Well done everyone!

We are looking forward to another happy and successful year.

Mike Hirst, Headteacher