

### Thank you all for your amazing support on our return to school!

What a great start to the new term and academic year. The children have settled so well and are already showing us their fantastic learning! It was great to see so many parents at our 'meet and greet' we hope you found these meetings informative and helpful.

As a school we form a yearly School Improvement Plan that supports our direction for the academic year. These are our priorities for this year:

1. Quality of Education	2. Behaviour and Attitudes	3. Personal development	4. Leadership & Management
Quality First Teaching – 80% pupils at expected or above in Reading/Writing/Maths	Attendance-to improve attendance for all pupils and groups to 97%+	To create and develop the role of Wellbeing & Mental Health Lead	Drive to improve standards across the school to outstanding
Closing the gap – staff to take ownership of data and plan interventions in order to close the gap.	To establish a whole school ethos and understanding of bullying and Safeguarding	School values in supporting pupil's personal development and future ambitions. To embed British Values and raise global awareness	To embed the development of the LGB under DEALT
To Create a learning environment that supports independent learning	To improve pupils behaviour for learning in terms of independence and playing an active role	To fully implement the RSE curriculum across the school based on positive relationships and respect for others	To successfully manage the full completion of the New Build program and school build works in order to improve the school environment.
To increase percentage of children achieving at Greater Depth	To embed Restorative Justice through the behaviour management policy and procedure	Embedding the school curriculum vision through all areas of learning	To further develop Subject Leadership and expectations

We have a very active and supportive Governing Body. There will be many opportunities this year for you to meet our Governing Body. I know they are all very excited about being able to be back in school!

### Collection at the end of the day

Starting tomorrow we will be changing the end of day collection due to too many parents and children at the school gate at the same time.

**We will be opening our school gate to all parents at 3.15pm and would like you to collect from the classroom doors ready for 3.20pm.**

**EYFS/Yr 1& 2 to wait on the KS1 playground**

EYFS – Classroom door

Year 1 and 2 – Main Entrance

**Yr 3&4/Yr 5&6 to wait on the KS2 playground**

Yr 3/4 – Classroom door

Year 5/6– New build entrance

Siblings – collect youngest first.

We would ask that you leave the school through the main school gate and as promptly as possible due to after school clubs needing the playground.

### PTA meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the year is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September after school at The Blue Pigeons.**

It would be great to see as many parents as we can. Your support makes such a significant difference to our school!

We have always had such a strong and amazing PTA so lets keep it going!

### Allotment

We have a super group of parents who have worked exceptionally hard over the summer in sorting out our allotment with Worth Gardening group and community. We love our allotment but it does need a working party to keep it going.

If you think you could spare some time or would like to help as a one off please call the school office to let us know!

### Medication

Please can we remind you that only prescription medication can be administered at school please. I am afraid we can not give Calpol or allow children to have cough sweets/medication in school.

Thank you



#### Attendance

Being at school is a very important part of any child's life. It enables them to learn, to make friends, to gain important knowledge and to develop a variety of skills which will prepare them for adult life. School and parents/carers are partners in making this a success. **As parents or carers it is your legal responsibility to make sure your child makes the most of this opportunity by attending regularly and aiming for at least 97%.**

**Medical Appointments-** Non-urgent medical appointments should not be made during the school day. If the appointment needs to be during school hours, please provide the school with appointment cards or hospital letters, so that a copy can be taken for the school records.

**Booking holiday during Term Time** - The government advises that parents should not normally take pupils on holiday during the 38 weeks of the school year. It does not give parents the right to take any holiday during term time. However, it does permit schools to grant permission to take authorised absence in exceptional circumstances. Holidays can only be granted during term time in exceptional circumstances. For example: Forces Personnel on leave from a foreign posting, significant family events, traumatic circumstances.

We will consider every request individually, but the following would not normally fit the criteria: Relatives coming to visit, cheaper holidays during term time, family day trips, visiting family/friends who have different term dates or holidays.

Where parents are genuinely unable to take holiday out of term time, we will consider requests for a leave of absence. The school will require evidence from the relevant employer. The school does not have to give permission if you request holiday and parents may be required to provide proof of exceptional circumstances.

**What is the effect on your child?** We recognise that sometimes circumstances make absence from school unavoidable. However, it is important that parents consider the possible impact of missing school. Your children may fall behind their classmates, may miss important class work and may find that relationships with classmates suffer.

**How to request leave for your child** If you do wish to request leave for your child, you will need to ask for permission from the school **before** you book any holiday, and this must be at least three weeks before the planned absence. You will need to put your request in writing, outlining the exceptional circumstances which require a term time holiday.

**Thank you for your understanding and support in this. We just want the best education for all our pupils.**



#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding an afterschool cake sale to raise money for Macmillan. Our Minister of Events – Teagan, with our other Ministers and year 6 children will be setting up and organizing this event. We would be really grateful of any donations of cakes on Friday morning. The cake sale will be on the KS2 playground. Please come and support this amazing charity!

#### Fantastic Fred Bus

We are very excited as the Fantastic Fred, Good Health matters bus is coming to school Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

F.R.E.D is an acronym for the four practical ways in which children can help to look after their own good mental health:

**Food** – eating the right foods

**Rest** – getting enough sleep

**Exercise** – being active

**Digital Devices** – managing time online

Fantastic FRED and his professor will teach children how to look after their own mental health in a positive and memorable way.

<https://www.goodmentalhealthmatters.com/for-primary-schools>

