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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. It has been great to welcome our pupils back to school and see them adjust quickly to some of the pre-Covid routines. Although, we have only been back for a couple of weeks we have already achieved so much – look out for updates on Twitter.

We want our pupils to make a prompt start to their learning and therefore class teachers are usually not available in the mornings, as teaching starts at 8:35, any messages should be passed on to our administrative team or the staff on duty. Class teachers will be able to support you with any queries that you may have at the end of the school day or pre-booked appointments. There is always a high presence of primary leaders who will also be able to assist you with any questions/queries. A reminder that our primary senior leadership consists of:

Mrs Dosanjh – Principal (meetings by appointment only)
Ms. Simmons – Vice Principal
Mr Malik – Director of Learning for Years 4, 5 & 6
Miss Zamir – Director of Learning for Years 2 & 3
Miss Robertson – Director of Learning for Year 1 and Reception
Mrs Pitt – Senior leader leading SEND across primary.

Start and End of the Day

Now that we no longer have staggered start and end times, it is noticeable that these periods can become congested. To ease this congestion, we will from next week onwards make a couple of minor changes. The first change is to the opening of the primary gates; these will open to parents at 8:30 to allow you to accompany your child outside of classrooms. Classroom doors will not open until 8:35 and therefore it will be your responsibility to remain with your child until doors opens. These gates will close at 8:50 which is the official start to the school day. At the end of the school day, Years 4, 5 & 6 will be dismissed from the MUGA. Our gates at this time will open at 3:15, this will allow all pupils to make their way to designated areas before parents enter the site.

Primary Uniform

It is lovely to see that so many of our pupils have returned to school looking incredibly smart and adhering to the revised uniform expectations. I have attached the uniform information again to ensure we have all of our pupils wearing the correct uniform. I am pleased to inform you that the school ties are now in school. For those parents who have already made a payment via Parent Pay, ties have been distributed. It is an expectation that all pupils from Years 1-6 wear a tie and therefore, those parents who still need to purchase a tie should do using Parent Pay.

P.E Kits and Changing

As communicated prior to the break, all primary pupils should arrive to school wearing school uniform, this is the case even on the days when PE is taking place. We want our pupils to develop the skills of planning ahead for the day, taking responsibility for equipment/resources, something that will be required (and will increase) later stages of their education. On the days, PE is taking place pupils will change in school, girls and boys in Year 4 and upwards will be encouraged to change separately.

After School Clubs

This week was the start of our Booster sessions across the school. These take place each Monday and are specifically designed to support pupils who require the additional support. It is important that these pupils attend regularly to allow the appropriate progress to be made. We will communicate information about our sports and reading clubs in the coming weeks. We are very excited to be opening up our library to parents and pupils, details of this will be shared this week but the main objective is to further promote reading and get parents involved with this.

Trips

You will see from the key dates ahead section that some of our trips are coming up. Payment will need to be made in advance via Parent Pay. If you have not created an account, you must do so as a matter of urgency as cash will not be accepted. If you need any support in setting up accounts, please speak to Ms. Pousson or Miss Ibrahim from the primary administrative team.

Parent workshops

We have had a successful start to this. Thank you to all parents who attended the parent meetings and workshops, these covered essential points around statutory assessments. It was pleasing to see that many of our parents attended the Year 1 Phonics and Reading workshops. We will continue with such workshops over the course of the year.

Change in date for Photograph Day

Unfortunately, Photograph Day did not go ahead as planned for the 15th September due to the photographer falling ill. This has now been rescheduled to Thursday 18th November 2021.

Home School Partnership

We know that our pupils will flourish and do exceptionally well when there is a strong partnership between home and school. Over the last couple of weeks your child has been provided with a number of useful resources that can be used to further enhance or consolidate their learning at home. This includes log-in details to My Maths, Times Table Rock Stars, Accelerated Reader (KS2) and Bug Club (Reception & KS1). This will allow all parents to log in and ensure our children have the opportunities to consolidate learning at home in an engaging way. In addition to this, pupils should have their pupil planners, this provides useful learning facts and information as well as homework reminders and curriculum targets. Class teachers will have shared and discussed the Home School Agreement with all pupils, further explanation and reinforcement at home would reflect a cohesive approach.

Sibling Collection

Secondary siblings are only allowed to collect younger siblings in primary if a 'Sibling Collection Form' has been completed and a ID badge is given out to the secondary pupil. These forms can be collected from main reception and should be returned to Ms. Pousson or Miss Ibrahim.

HEAR Values and Conduct

Many of you will know that Waverley School consistently promotes and develops the HEAR (Humanity, Equality, Aspiration, Respect) values with all pupils and staff. We do this not only through our curriculum and assemblies but in how we model our own behaviours. This term, we want an increased focus on how we can show respect and good manners – words as simple as *'thank you, good morning, how are you? excuse me/pardon, please.... go a long way!*

Key Dates for your Diary:

Monday 20th September 2021: Reception children in school full time

Wednesday 22nd September 2021: Reception Parent workshop: Phase 2 Phonics and motor skills 8:35-9:20

Wednesday 22nd September 2021: International Day of Peace 5A Class Assembly Wednesday 8:50–9:10

Wednesday 22nd September 2021: Year 4 Walsall Art Gallery

Monday 27th September 2021: Start of Black History Month

Week commencing Monday 27th September 2021: Year 6 visit Buddhist Pagoda

Wednesday 29th September 2021: Year 1 & 2 Parent workshop: Phonics catch-up 3:15-4:00

Wednesday 29th September 2021: Black History 2A Class Assembly 8:50–9:10

Thursday 30th September 2021: EYFS Reception Parent workshop: Early Maths 8:35-9:20

Week commencing 1st October 2021: Year 1 visit Twycross Zoo

Wednesday 06/10/21 - 08/10/21: Year 2 Virtual Safety Seymour (Carbon monoxide safety) sessions.

Monday 11th October: Year 1 & 2 Parent workshop: Phase 5 Phonics 3:15-4:00

Week commencing 11th October 2021: Year 2 visit a local church

Friday 22/10/21: End of Autumn 1

Tuesday 02/11/21 & Wednesday 03/11/21: Primary Parents' Evenings 3:15-6:00 (appointment information will be sent in due course).

Yours sincerely,

S. Dosanjh

Mrs Dosanjh

Principal

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