



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy return to school and it has been super to see everyone settle in to their new classes. The first term seems to be flying past with lots of things happening and exciting new learning experiences under way.

## STRIKE ACTION

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September the school and nursery will be closed to children as members of Unison are on strike. There is an expectation from the Local Authority that there is a provision made for learning at home on these days. We are happy to be flexible with this provision, as not everyone is in the position to complete lots of activities with their children on these days.



We will put out the usual homework on Monday and we will also add some ideas you can try on Seesaw which are optional. If you would like a 'paper pack' of additional learning resources for the 3 days, please give your teacher a message on Seesaw before Monday.

## PARENT COUNCIL



We have our AGM on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, next week, and we are hoping to see lots of new faces to get involved with supporting the school in lots of different ways. We are excited to say we are now

waiting for our outdoor classroom to arrive (any time now) and be built. Anyone with experience of a polycrunch would be a handy person to have around when it arrives.

There are many other things happening that you could get involved with and we would be delighted to see you there.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder for everyone about some of the things that happen in school, as we are returning to normal and haven't been doing the usual things for a while!

We encourage water bottles in class during the day and these can be filled at the water fountain in the foyer. We do put them home every day so they don't stand stagnant in school. The bottles in class should only contain water, however, children can take whatever parents choose for their packed lunch.



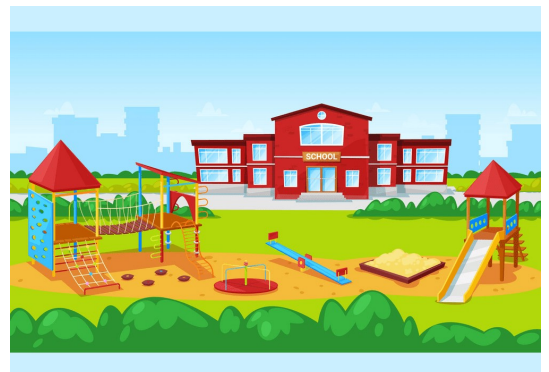
Heading towards winter, we suggest pupils take rubber boots which they can change into with them for wet conditions as the grass gets muddy and access will be restricted to people who have suitable footwear.

All children should have a change of clothes for their PE lesson on Thursday. This should include shorts and plimsolls or trainers, which are not outdoor shoes. Children can leave their PE kit on their peg rather than carrying it home every week.



If there are any changes to pick-up at the end of the day, please let the office know by 3pm, especially if you normally use the bus service.

The school grounds are open for supervision at 9:15am. The gate will be opened at that time by the supervisor to welcome everyone into the grounds. The gate will also be closed by the supervisor at 9:30am. If you are late for drop off, please use the front door at reception.



## STAFFING UPDATE



Mr Henderson, our new janitor, will be starting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. We thank Mr Drever for doing such a grand job as our relief janitor whilst recruitment was taking place.

Miss Allnutt is off at the moment and Amy Johnston has been teaching in P3.

Miss Rosie will be doing the PT management time cover in P3 every fortnight for Miss Allnutt.

Miss Copeland will be re-joining our team on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September as a SfLA.

## LOCAL AUTHORITY FOCUS



All schools have been asked to focus on attendance as a high priority. We will be checking the percentages this year to identify children who are less than 95%. There will be more information coming out from the Local Authority in due course, but it is good to be aware of this at the beginning of the year.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

We will send out a list of important dates once we have consulted with the Parent Council next Monday.

Kind Regards

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