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Welcome

Welcome back to everyone after what I hope was a restful summer break. A very warm welcome to our new children and parents. We look forward to working with you to ensure an enjoyable and fruitful academic year.

We welcome six new members of staff this year- Miss Southwick is our new infant teacher, who will be teaching Rainbow Class. Mrs Jones has replaced Mrs Lamb as our Business Manager, Miss Lee is our new Office Apprentice, Mrs Allen and Miss Dumighan have joined our Tea Club team and Miss Holt is a student teacher following the Schools Direct programme.

Could you help us?

We are always looking for volunteers to come in and hear readers in school! If you have some spare time and would like to help out, please contact the office. You will need to complete a DBS checking form – the office will arrange this for you.

Please note that it is school policy to place volunteers in classes other than their child's own class.

Tea Club

Our Tea Club is now up and running. There are still a few spaces on most days, however a Wednesday is now full for the Infants. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Charity Fundraising

Last year our School Council's charity of the year was, 'UK Guide Dogs for the Blind'. The School Council planned, organised and implemented a wide range of activities and raised a grand total of £550- an excellent achievement! Our Year 4 children collected donations for Christian Aid during our Art's Week exhibition- £125 was raised. Thank you to everyone who gave generously and supported these worthy charities.

Harvest Collection

We will once again be supporting the People's Kitchen this Harvest. A collection wish list will be coming out shortly.

Mastery Maths

From this September we will no longer be streaming the children for maths. We will be working with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics to develop 'Mastery Maths' throughout the school. Mastering maths means acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject. At any one point in a pupil's journey through school, achieving mastery is taken to mean acquiring a solid enough understanding of the maths that's been taught to enable him/her move on to more advanced material.

We will be holding a briefing session for parents about Mastery Maths on Thursday 28th September in the Infant Hall at 5pm.

School Dinners

Please let the office know of any changes required to menu choices for next half term before 6th October.

School Bags

Our cloakroom space is incredibly tight. Could you please ensure that any bags brought in are not unnecessarily large- If there is a particular reason for needing a large ruck sac eg your child is going straight to Brownies etc and needs a uniform, then this will be accommodated, but please only use large bags/ruck sacs **if absolutely necessary** to enable us to keep a tidy and orderly cloakroom.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children are wearing the correct school uniform. **Please note that earrings must be removed for school and trainers are only permitted for PE and outdoor activities.**

Safety On-Line

The NSPCC have launched a set of tools for parents aimed at keeping their children safe on-line. Please follow the link below to access the materials:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Holiday dates for 2017-18 and 18-19 are available on the school website.

