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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

Dear Families,

Firstly, welcome back after the summer break. It was good to see so many smiles and the enthusiasm from the children in school today. It has been a wonderful first day back and a great start to the year.

As we start the new year there are a couple of things coming up that families will need to be aware of and watch out for.

- **After School Clubs** - Mrs Flowerdew will be sending out communications about after school clubs this week, with most of the activities starting next week.
- **Tuesday 9th September** – We have a tennis coach joining us for the morning to do taster sessions with Classes 2, 3 and 4. (Please send the children in PE kit)
- **On Wednesday 10th September** from 3.15 – 3.40pm, classrooms will be open for families to come in, meet the class teachers, have an informal chat, see where the children sit, etc. Classes will also be sending out packs of information about the learning for the year to help with any home learning.

Children with allergies

We have a number of children in school with allergies. In order to reduce the chances of someone experiencing a reaction we ask you to consider the food you send into school with your child for a snack or packed lunch. Foods to avoid include: **nuts** (we are a nut free school anyway) and **products containing nuts eg. cereal bars and Nutella; and kiwi and raspberries.**

To reduce the risk of contamination in school we always ask children to wash their hands before and after eating and sharing of food is not allowed. Please also make sure your child has their own named water bottle. Thank you for your understanding.

Coats

As the weather is now distinctly autumnal, please can you make sure your child brings a coat every day. As you know, we like to get outside as much as possible (even when it is raining) and that is not good if the children do not have coats.

Leaving School at 3.15pm

Please let school know if your child is leaving school at the end of the day with someone different to the usual arrangement. Examples of this might be a grandparent, aunty/uncle, etc. they may be going on a playdate with a friend or you have a young sibling asleep in the car and another parent is walking your child to the car. If these are going to be regular arrangements it is probably worth speaking to your class teacher or Mrs Flowerdew to avoid you needing to ring each time.



For children who are old enough to walk home on their own or leave school on their own to meet you at the car, please email Mrs Flowerdew, who is collating a list of permissions. This is all to keep the children safe and so we know who we can release without an adult. Keeping us updated really helps, and avoids confusion.

Communications and Contact Details

This Friday classes will be sending out their Class Updates with a school newsletter the following week. As in previous years we will be alternating these communications to keep you informed. If you have changed email addresses, telephone number or moved house, please update Mrs Flowerdew with any changes to ensure we can get communications to you and we can get hold of you if there is an emergency. This also applies for emergency contact information for your child.

Mr Ratcliffe

