

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new summer term.

School Calendar

Our school calendar is being distributed with this letter. Please be prepared that dates and events can be changed at short notice due to circumstances beyond our control, but we will endeavour to keep you informed. We look forward to seeing you at many of our events this term.

After-school Clubs

Once again there will be a range of after-school and lunchtime clubs operating for the children this term. The staff give their time freely to these clubs and I know that the children benefit greatly in attending them. Please remember to give consent by sending letters back and that arrangements are in place to collect children after the clubs finish.

Signing in

If you are collecting or returning a child to school outside of the normal hours, please remember to sign them in at the school office. This procedure is in place for the **health and safety** of all the pupils. Parents must not come into school via any other entrance except the main reception.

Health and Safety in School

A reminder that children should not be cycling or riding scooters on the school playground. With over 400 children and their parents coming onto the site, it is a very busy environment and we want everyone to be safe. Please remember when the whistle is blown to line up; it is only the children who should line up. Parents, please wait behind the yellow line and allow the children and staff space to come in and out of school safely.

Park and Stride

Thank you for your continued support in parking away from school and walking to school. This helps to ensure the safety of all our children. Parking is available at Sainsbury's and the back of Elm Tree Shops; it only takes a few minutes to walk from here. Why not plan a few extra minutes into your day for this daily walk, leading to an increase in a healthy lifestyle for your children?

Volunteers

Should you find that you have a few hours to spare during the week, we would be very pleased to have volunteers spending time in school, sharing their skills of gardening, baking, crafts or reading practice. Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer.

Safety Online

Some children in school have been talking about an online game they are playing called **Fortnite**. It is a battle game where players kill each other until there is only one player left. Some children have bought costumes and equipment using money they say is linked to a parent account. Some children have spent between £95 to £300. The game has an age limited of 12, but it is violent. As the players can communicate online, it means that children can be talking/playing with older teenagers and even adults they don't know. Please be aware of what your children are doing online! At school we are constantly working hard to protect our children online. Please help us by being aware of the damage to young minds and the safeguarding concerns these games have.

Hard Work!

It is a real pleasure to walk through classrooms and see all the children highly motivated and enjoying their learning whether it is in Literacy, Maths, Art or PE. I would like to say a huge well done to our Y6 and Y2 pupils for the hard work they are putting in towards their SAT's in a few weeks' time. It is a privilege to hear them talk to me about how proud they are of their improvements and achievements right across the curriculum. I hope the Y6 take this pride and work ethic with them as they move on to their secondary schools.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Randle

Head Teacher