

Dear parents,  
Welcome back to a new term and a new school year.

**School opening times.**

The morning bell will ring at 8.55 am. Please do not send children to school before 8.45 am as they are not supervised until that time. Only pupils attending breakfast club are permitted on site from 8.10 am and they should go straight to the canteen.

Infant children may enter the building from 8.45.

Junior pupils wait on the yard until the bell or will be allowed in if it is raining.

School finishes at 3.25 pm for reception and 3.30pm for all other year groups, the red security gates are opened at 3.20 p.m.

Any pupils arriving after the bell must report to the school office to be registered in the Late Book. This is monitored by myself and our educational welfare officer. If a child is ill, school must be notified on the first morning of the absence.

**We will start our whole school group reading every morning from Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> which runs from 9.00 to 9.30. Pupils who are late for school miss out on their reading time and reading is an essential skill that they will learn and use for the rest of their lives.**

**Uniform.**

The children looked very smart in their new uniform on Wednesday, please ensure all clothing is labelled clearly so that they keep their lovely new uniform.

Please ensure that the children have a change of clothing for PE lessons as well as suitable outdoor footwear and waterproof coats for outdoor play with them at all times.

**May I remind you that no jewellery other than watches is allowed to be worn to school. This is for health and safety reasons.**

Thank you for supporting the school's uniform policy.

**Parent Governor Elections**

We are looking for another parent governor. The current vacancy arises as Mrs. Rebecca Sharpe's term of office comes to a close. I would like to thank her for her wonderful support of the school both as a parent, a parent volunteer and as a parent governor representative. I'm glad to say that she will still continue to be involved in the school but does not wish to serve as a governor for another 4 years.

Nomination forms will be distributed next week.

**Dinner money**

School dinners have increased to £1.70 per day so please send in £8.50 for the week ahead each Monday. Please make cheques payable to the Vale of Glamorgan County Council V.O.G.C.

Please note that children have a choice of hot or cold main meal options every day with a pudding or fruit for dessert.

**If you are entitled to Free School Meals please see Mrs. Moreton who is in the office every day except Thursday.**

**Please turn over for more important information.**

### **Breakfast Club**

Our very successful WAG funded free breakfast club continues. Children who have already been registered need not apply again. Breakfast club forms are available from the office, the canteen during breakfast club sessions or can be downloaded from our school website.

Simply complete the form and return to the school office or breakfast club staff.

Please note that pupils should be dropped off at the canteen between 8.10 am and 8.35 am. Staff cannot allow pupils in before 8.10 as they are preparing the canteen.

Children will be supervised in the canteen and taken to the infant classrooms or junior yard at 8.45 am when school staff take responsibility.

### **Volunteers**

For many years we have enjoyed the support of volunteers who have helped with a variety of activities in school. We are always glad to welcome anyone who would be able to give some of their time to our children whether it is on a regular or occasional basis. There are a number of areas where adult help would be appreciated e.g. reading, maths games, play partners for the younger children, art and crafts, cookery, gardening and sports. If you would like to hear more about ways in which you can help or to 'sign up', Mrs. Jones would be pleased to see you on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2.45 – 3.45 p.m or Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 8.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m – just call to her room located in the lower junior corridor in the main building. If you want to help and these times are inconvenient, please contact school and we can make alternative arrangements.

**Extra-curricular clubs** will commence in the week beginning 14/09/09 with the exception of Karate club which starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

Club details and consent slips will be sent out next week.

### **Diary Dates**

Full term diary to follow but please note that **Friday October 16th is a school Inset day.**

### **School Trim Trail, Climbing Wall , Play equipment.**

Could we please ask parents to keep their children off all school equipment before and after school hours? All activities have to be adequately supervised. At the end of last term a reception child was allowed to play on the TRIM TRAIL after school and while her mother's attention was diverted she fell and broke her arm. Please help us to enforce this safety measure.

### **Communication**

Class teachers will send out class information letters next week giving details of the topics to be covered, timetable requirements, homework, class trips etc.

This newsletter is going out to all families as first of the year, please note that future newsletters will be published on the school website and hard copies only sent out to those who have requested them. New reception and nursery parents should see the staff to request hard copies of our newsletters. Newsletters will be published on a Friday, please check the school website every weekend in case of updates.

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