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Dear families,

A huge welcome back! I hope you have all had a relaxing and fun filled summer break and feel ready for the exciting term ahead. We usually send all correspondence to parents electronically via email and our Eduspot (was Xpressions) app but as we have a number of new pupils at this time of year we have also printed our first newsletter to help. If you are a new parent to school, please look in your welcome back on how to use Eduspot for future communications. Please contact us if you need further assistance.

School Car Park

Please be aware that drops off by car in the morning need to be approved by school. The Queensway entrance is extremely busy in the morning and to ensure safety we do not allow access to the car park without prior agreement. It is a staff car park and we have extremely limited spaces. If you have a blue badge, please pop into the office so that we can record this and allow you access. If you feel that you have exceptional circumstances and need to use a car, please contact me so that we can discuss. Drops offs for breakfast club and collections from after school club are absolutely fine as this is at a much quieter time of the day.

Celebration assemblies

Each week, on a Friday, we invite parents in for a celebration assembly. We will text you in secret on a Wednesday if your child is going to get a special mention that week. Children are not informed so that they can be surprised when they see you or another family member in the hall.

Each week, during a normal Monday assembly children will also be rewarded with certificates for completing their homework, attendance, reaching Superswirl landmarks (every 100 collected) or receiving a pen licence. We also celebrate success outside of school so if your child has something to celebrate please let me know.

Uniform

The children look brilliant so thank you for your support with this. They all look, act and feel smart! I'm sure you are all very proud of them as they start their next year of education. Please remember to put their name in their uniform and coats so that any lost items can be returned.

If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer, please remember that we are an earring free school. Earrings should be removed where possible. If you can not remove them, then something such as these spacers should be used. We do have some available in school. Alternatively, plasters can be used to cover them.

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If you haven't managed to get school shoes yet, please do so as soon as possible. Here is a link to our uniform policy if you are unsure of appropriate footwear. uniform policy

PE days

Please ensure your child has their PE kit on the following days. Their kit should consist of plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Y3 - Monday Y4 - Wednesday Y5 - Friday Y6 - Thursday

Break time snacks, water bottles and nuts.

At break times, please provide your children with a healthy snack. All we ask is that it is something that doesn't have a wrapper so that we can avoid single use plastic. This helps us make healthy choices and have better sustained energy levels throughout the morning.

Please ensure your child has a bottle filled with water ready for the start of the day. Their bottle is always with them at their desk and they have access to refill it in the classroom. Please do not send any juice for their bottle that they use in the classroom.

Please remember we are a **nut free school**. We have serious life threatening allergies in school. If you need support in making alternative choices, please contact us so we can support. Thank you in advance for helping protect all our children and staff with this.

Homework

Please encourage your child to complete the following daily homework. It really does make such a difference. Please try and get into the habit of doing the following each day.

1. Reading to an adult at home. Daily reading can have such a huge impact. Please try and fit this into your day. Further letters regarding reading will be sent next week.
2. Rehearse their Multiplication Tables. TTRS (Times tables rock stars) can be accessed via the app or via https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student - five one minute games in the 'garage' is best as this aspect of the game targets what your child needs to develop.
3. Spelling homework - spellings are provided each week.

Attendance

As always, thank you for your efforts in supporting school attendance. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us on the school gates or by phone. We are here to help and will support you in any way we can.

We have numerous exciting rewards for the children available for termly and yearly attendance. We have rewards for those with 97%+ and an additional reward for those that manage 100%.

If you have a medical appointment during school hours, please provide proof of the appointment (appointment card/letter) so that we can authorise the absence. This proof can be given to the office staff to photocopy when you collect or drop off your child for their appointment. Unfortunately, without proof we can not authorise the absence. Obviously, where you can, please try and avoid appointments during the school day if possible.

If you have a leave request during term time, please contact the school office or Mrs Moore our Safeguarding and Attendance officer for a Leave of Absence Request form.

As our school day starts at 8:35, children that arrive after registers close at 8:45am will be given a late mark (L).

Family Hub and Pantry

For those of you that are new to school, you may wonder what our Family Hub is and what our Pantry is.
Our family hub offers numerous services for parents and from both internal and external sources. It has a huge amount on offer such as cooking workshops, anxiety support, counselling, SEN support for parents and adult education courses to just name a few of the things on offer! Look out for opportunities and events which will be sent out via email and via our Eduspot App and come and join us.

Reception hours

Our main school office is open between 8:30 and 3:15.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr S Tait, Principal