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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the children enjoyed their first week back at school, It was great to see everyone back and to hear about all the exciting things that have been going on over the summer break. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the adapted drop off and pick up arrangements for children in Years 3-6 due to ongoing building works, this is much appreciated.

I have sent out copies of the updated Parent Handbook for your information in an email you will receive separately. I wanted to bring to your attention some important changes for this year around packed lunches as we work towards our healthy school's qualification:

Break time drink and snacks. All children are encouraged to bring in a healthy break time snack which must be a piece of fruit or vegetable which encourages healthy eating. A piece of fruit is provided for children from Reception to Year 2. Please note that unhealthy snack items such as crisps and chocolate are not appropriate and children will not be allowed them.

Drinks in School. We ask that in class, children drink only water. Children will be able to refill their water bottles throughout the day. During lunch, children have water or milk available for them to drink.

Packed lunches. These should be brought in in a suitable unbreakable container marked with your child's name and class. They should include healthy food options with water. We are a nut free school, please ensure that no nut products are brought into school. Water is always available for all pupils to drink at the table.

We do not allow nut products or spreads, sweets, chocolate bars, chewing gum or caffeine-based energy drinks in school at any time, this includes in packed lunches. If children bring these items into school they will be looked after by school staff and returned to pupils at the end of the day.

If you need support with ideas on what to include in a packed lunch please speak to a member of the inclusion team.

Earrings:

I also wanted to address some confusion around earrings in school. Again the parent handbook is clear that children can wear a single pair of studs. **Hoop earrings are not permitted in school due to the risk of injury.** The school policy on this has not changed



Children loved their time in the nursery exploring all the learning resources on offer.



While we all did our best to remain cool in the really hot weather, the pigs were very happy to wallow in their pool. Many thanks to the new Farm Leaders for filling this up and making sure that the animals had everything they needed.

Important Dates:

13.09.23 - BPHA Clinic in school 9:30-11:30am

12.10.23 - Athletics in school day for children in KS1

14.11.23 to 16.11.23 - Parents evenings - further details and booking information will be sent out separately

21.11.23 - School photographs

08.12.23 - school closed for pupils (teacher training)

19.12.23 - last day of term

03.01.23 - children return to school in Reception to Year 6

As always, if you would like to ask any questions or have any concerns, please contact the school office and a member of the team will discuss this with you.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to working with you this year

Rob Morley-Smith
Headteacher

Other Important Information

Telephone call recording system

It is important to notify all parents that all incoming and outgoing calls from school are recorded as part of our telephone system. All information is held securely in line with our data protection policy

No products containing nuts in school please:

Could we remind parents that we are a nut free school and that no products containing nuts should be sent in with children.

We do not allow children to eat chocolate spread sandwiches as part of their packed lunch



Bikes and Scooters around the site:

Can I remind everyone that all bikes and scooters must be walked at all times when on the school site.

Naming Belongings

Can I remind everyone that all clothing and equipment brought to school should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name. Without this it is very difficult for us to get the items back to the right person.

Medication

Can I remind everyone that all medication must be brought to the school office where the relevant paperwork can be completed. Please do not send medication into school in pupil bags.

Dogs on the school site

Can I remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school site before or after school under any circumstances.
