

30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and are having an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school

The children in Reception to Year 6 will begin the new academic year on this coming Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. The school day will start from 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm before moving into our after school club programme. The gates will open at 8.40am and rather than waiting on the playground, the children will come straight into school through their designated door at 8.45am to register before starting Worship at 8.50am. Children should not be on the school site before 8.40am, they should arrive to enter school at 8.45am. Gates will be locked at 8.50am.

- The Ark and Nursery will continue to enter and exit through their designated entrance.
- The Infant Assessment Class and Junior Support Base will continue to enter through their designated doors.
- Reception will enter and exit through the red door from the Astro Turf.
- Key Stage 1 will enter through the side red door into the cloakroom off the path and will be collected on an evening by parents and carers from the playground below KS1 to reduce congestion around the door.
- In Year 3/4 Mrs Tyerman's and Mrs Bailes's classes will enter and exit from their outside doors onto the Astro Turf. Mrs Cole's class will enter and exit through the red doors at the front of school alongside the hall.
- In Year 5/6 Mrs Boag's and Miss Foster's will enter and exit through the side red door into Mrs Boag's class at the front of school, up from Nursery. Mr Ormerod's Class will enter and exit through the double red doors at the back of school, alongside his classroom.

Due to statutory First Aid Training during the first two days of term for the staff working in St. Peter's Ark and Nursery, the children attending these classes will return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The opening times will remain the same of 8.30am and 12.15pm.

### **Access to the site and meetings with staff**

You can gain access and exit to the rear of the site using either of the gates outside Nursery and Key Stage 1. Please note they will continue to be locked between 8.50am and 3.10pm each day. Please visit the school office between these times.

The staff are always readily available to meet parents. If you would like to speak to the class teacher you are welcome to speak to them at the beginning of the school day or at the end of the day as your child enters and leaves the building. If you would like to speak to a member of staff with some urgency or privacy please make your way back around the outside of the building to the school office where we will endeavour to help you. Thank you.

### **School Meals Prices**

As mentioned in previous correspondence our catering provider regrettably informed us they need to increase school meal prices. They have been able to maintain the pricing since September 2019, but unfortunately due to increasing costs they are unable to maintain the price of the school meal moving forward. This is due to the high inflation in the cost of food, currently 4.8%, but continually increasing and the National Living Wage which has also increased by 6.64% on 1<sup>st</sup> April. They therefore propose to increase the meal price from £2.10 to £2.30 which is just under 10%.

To support parents and carers, we agreed with Creative Management to increase the meals in two stages. The price increased by 10p on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 to £2.20 per meal and will again on 2<sup>nd</sup> September to £2.30. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will begin on the first day back, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 8.00am in the Sports Hall. If you would like your child to attend, the cost of a breakfast is £2.00. No booking is required.

### **Year 6 Lake District Visit Parents' Meeting**

A parents' meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm in the Main School Hall in preparation for the forthcoming visits to St. John's in the Vale in the Lake District for the Year 6 children.

### **Medication**

If your child normally requires medication in school, could you please make sure it is labelled and is handed in at the school office. You will be asked to complete a form before it can be administered in school.

### **Nut Allergies**

Please note we have people within school with a nut allergy so we are therefore a Nut free school, I would be grateful if you can support us with this matter. Thank you.

### **Snack Time and treat on Fridays**

We know that the children enjoy a snack mid-way through the morning keeping them going up to lunchtime. We would like your child to continue to bring a healthy snack each day if they don't already do so. We have received some advice on which snacks are suitable e.g. Fresh Fruit, Raw Vegetables or Plain Pop Corn. As a treat on a Friday, the children can bring a snack of their choice but please don't send them with chocolate or sweets. I would be grateful if you can support the school on this matter.

### **After School Clubs**

As a school, we continue to offer a wide range of free after school clubs. We feel this is an important element of a child's education and a major strength of the school. We therefore will continue to offer a variety of activities for your child to access up until 5.30pm each evening. The clubs will begin during week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to take up the opportunities we provide and attend on a regular basis.

### **PE and Homework timetable**

Each phase team will send out information regarding days for PE and homework next week. Could you please make sure your child has their PE kit with them for their timetabled session.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back into school to work with your child or to support the many activities we organise. Strong home and school partnerships are a priority of the school because they have a major impact on your child's education and well-being. I would be grateful if you could make sure your child reads regularly at home and completes homework on time.

*If you require further information relating to these or any other issues please contact the school.*

Thanks for your continued support

Richard Unthank

Head Teacher