



Dear families,

## Gates

Please can I ask that you do not enter the playground before 8:40am. If you arrive before this time, we kindly ask that you wait outside the gates until staff are on the playground ready to receive and supervise the children. Children must not be left before 8:40am to ensure their safety and that everyone is safeguarded.

Upon collection, we kindly ask that you do not arrive too early – the gates open at 3pm to allow you to wait on the playground.

## Mornings

Please can we ask for your support with making our morning routine as smooth as possible. When the bell rings at 8:50am we would like the children to fall silent ready to start the school day. We would really appreciate it if when this occurs your leave the playground area.

## Uniform

Please can I take this opportunity to highlight part of the uniform policy that may have been forgotten – children can wear grey or black socks or tights but not white.

## Parent Mail permissions

A big piece of work takes place at this time of year around permissions for which a separate Parent Mail has been sent out. Please can we ask that you take time to complete this so that we know if your child's photo can appear online or watch PG videos for the coming year. The system is such that if you do not reply it automatically sets each box to 'no' and unfortunately we do not have time to chase later in the year.

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## Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items to our new EYFS unit – from logs and pallets, fine china and books, to sofas and electrical items – thank you so much for your generosity. We are really pleased with how our Nursery and Reception areas are now looking and the children are engaged and curious.

## Homework

All children should now have been given their Homework exercise book for the year, inside which you will find their login for TT Rockstars / Numbots. We are really keen to use these online Maths tools to help fluency, confidence and recall speed of number facts and times tables across the school. We think it's a fun way of doing homework in an important area. Please do help us with this by encouraging and supporting your child; it's very competitive and we will be celebrating speed, scores, improvement and accuracy as well and monitoring engagement.

## Congratulations

Well done to Olly and Lilia from Year 6 and Ruby and Elliott from Year 5 who this week became our Prefects for the year ahead! Everyone who stood wrote brilliant letters and the quality of speeches delivered was extremely high.

## Attachments

Alongside this week's Newsletter you will find our yearly calendar of events so that you know in advance what is happening in school. Also keep an eye out for a separate Parent Mail containing your child's class learning letter outlining their subjects this half term. This year we have also produced class specific videos to share key information and teacher expectations with you as well as showing you the classroom environment.

Best wishes,

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