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Dear parent/carer,

We hope you are all well and look forward to seeing the children back in school very soon. We thought we would just make contact and give some reminders regarding uniform expectations, PE days and also information about changes to school meals.

School Uniform

Many of you will probably be getting ready for the school year and purchasing school uniform so we thought it a good idea to just confirm the expectations for school uniform. Full school uniform should be:

- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Red cardigan, fleece or jumper (with or without the school logo but ask you to aim to have at least one for when the children go on trips and photographs) – Year Six Red Leavers Hoodie
- Grey (not black) trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- Grey, white, black or red socks/tights
- In the spring term, children can wear red gingham dresses
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Please can you ensure that all clothing is labelled. Last year, the amount of lost property was unbelievable and we were not able to return it to their owners because there were no names in them. In the outdoor classroom, we have set up a designated place for all lost property to be stored for access each day should a piece of clothing be misplaced.

Ideally, long hair should be tied back. If children have their ears pierced, then earrings must be studs only for health and safety reasons. Watches may also be worn but no other jewellery such as necklaces, rings or bracelets unless for medical reasons.



PE Days

The children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. Feedback from the children is very positive about being in their PE kit on these days as they are able to have more time doing PE as they no longer have to get changed within the hour they have allocated for PE. PE days for 2023-2024 will be as follows:

Class	PE Days
Reception	Tuesdays (Forest School) and Fridays
Year 1	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 2	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 3	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 4	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 5	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 6	Tuesdays and Thursdays

Just a quick reminder of the school uniform policy when it comes to PE kits:

- Red polo shirt
- Plain black joggers, leggings or shorts/skorts
- Plain black hoodie (Y6 Black Leavers Hoddie)
- Trainers

For children who have hair longer than shoulder length, it will need to be tied back and no earrings worn on these days. Children will be requested to remove their earrings for health and safety reasons so it is probably best they do not wear them at all on PE days.

School Meals

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to rise from £2.40 to **£2.60** from September 2023, resulting in an overall weekly increase of £1 per child. This is a cost increase set by the Local Authority, not the school.

This is the first price increase in school meals since 2019 as the council has prioritised supporting families in these times of hardship. Where possible, the council will continue to subsidise services where it can and are looking at support for those families that are struggling but are not eligible for free school meals. Further information on this will be shared in the new academic year.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join the children for special lunches through the year. Please see the calendar of dates at the end of this letter for the planned dates of 'Loved Ones to Lunch', which, following feedback from parents, we have reduced to once a year.



As usual, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive Universal Free School Meals. Children in Key Stage Two, if not on benefits-related free school meals, will need to pay for school meals via ParentPay. Please ensure that your child's account is in credit at all times.

If you do think you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please contact the school office where you will be supported in your application. This may also lead to subsidies for school trips and a uniform voucher.

Start and end of the school day

Class doors will open at 8:40am and all children should be in school ready for learning by 8:45am. Gates will close at 8:50am. All classes finish at 3:15pm at the end of the day and the gates will be opened at 3:00pm.

We would appreciate it if all children could be in their full school uniform on the first day even if it is a PE day.

We look forward to seeing all the children on Wednesday 6th September.

Kindest regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher

Diary of Dates 2023-2024

Autumn 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	School Opens	All classes
Thursday 21 st September 2023 @ 11:30am	Reception Loved One to Lunch	Reception class
Thursday 21 st September @ 2:30pm	Arete Parents' Meeting	Year 6 parents and children
Friday 22 nd September 2023 @ 2pm – 8pm	RobinFest	All classes
w/c Monday 25 th September 2023	Bike Right	Year 5
Monday 25 th September 2023	Clubs starts	All classes – booking system
Wednesday 27 th September 2023 @ 2:15pm	Harvest Festival – assembly and donations	All classes
w/c Monday 2 nd October 2023	Arete residential	Year 6



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Friday 6 th October 2023	Great Newchurch Bake Off	All classes
Monday 9 th October 2023 @ 6:30pm	Open Evening	New starters September 2024
Wednesday 13 th October 2023	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 12 th October 2023	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 12 th October 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 1 Loved One to Lunch	Year 1 parents
w/c Monday 16 th October 2023	Book Fair	All classes
Monday 16 th October 2023	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 18 th October 2023 @ 10am	Open Morning	New starters September 2024
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Tuesday 24 th October 2023	Academy Photographs – individual, siblings and families	All classes
Wednesday 25 th October 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open afternoon	New starters September 2024
Thursday 26 th October 2023	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Friday 27 th October 2023	Monster Mayhem Day and Monster Lunch	
Friday 27th October 2023	School closes	
Monday 6th November 2023	School Opens	
Tuesday 7 th November 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch	Year 2 parents
w/c Monday 13 th November 2023	Anti-bullying Week	All classes
Wednesday 15 th November 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2024
Friday 24 th November 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS1 classes
Thursday 7 th December @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Friday 8 th December 2023 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS2 classes
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 @ 9:15am and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes and parents
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Parties Day	All classes
Thursday 21 st December 2023 @ 2pm	Christmas Assembly	All classes and parents



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Thursday 21st December 2023	School Closes	
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Spring Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Thursday 4 th January 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Friday 5 th January 2024	Interim Reports Out	All classes
Monday 8 th January 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Wednesday 10 th January 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Thursday 11 th January 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch	Year 3 parents
Monday 15 th January 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 15 th January 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 17 th January 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Friday 9th February 2024	School Closes	
Monday 19th February 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch	Y4 parents
w/c Monday 4 th March 2024	Book Week – details to follow	All classes
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day, including lunch	All classes
Thursday 14 th March 2024	Book Fair	All classes
Thursday 21 st March 2024 @ 2:30pm	Kingswood Meeting	Year 4 children and parents
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Monday 25 th March 2024	TT Rockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Thursday 28th March 2024	School Closes	

Summer Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 15th April 2024	School Opens	
Monday 15 th April 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Interim Reports	All classes
Wednesday 17 th April 2024 – Friday 19 th April 2024	Kingswood	Year 4
Wednesday 17 th April 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents



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Thursday 18 th April 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 25 th April 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 29 th April 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 2 nd May 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch	Year 5 parents
Monday 13 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – SPAG	Year 6
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Reading	Year 6
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Papers 1 and 2	Year 6
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3	Year 6
Friday 17th May 2024	School Closes	
Tuesday 11th June 2024	School Opens	
w/c Monday 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2 children
w/c Monday 10 th June 2024	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Thursday 27 th June 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch	Year 6 parents
Friday 28 th June 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS1 Sports Day	Key Stage One classes and parents
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 6:00pm	Year Six Performance and Awards Ceremony	Year 6 children and families
Thursday 18 th July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS2 Sports Day	Key Stage Two classes and parents
Friday 19 th July 2024	Reports Out	All classes
Thursday 25 th July 2024 @ 2pm	Leavers' Assembly	All classes and parents
Thursday 25th July 2024	School Closes	



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