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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year!! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday with your children and that they have all settled back into their new classes. If you, or they, have any worries about anything to do with school, please do not hesitate to come in and see me or catch me on the playground. It is far easier to put things right before they become a real issue.

Here's to a fantastic year!

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

Home-school agreements

The home-school agreement is coming home with this newsletter. It is an essential document that sets down the role of the school and parent in your child's education. Please read it carefully, sign it and return it to school for myself to sign on behalf of the school. It will then come back for you to keep.

School dinners

The meals provided by the new caterers are very tasty and of a high standard. I really enjoyed fish and chips last Friday!! In addition to the hot meal option, you can also choose for your child to have sandwiches provided. The cost of a school meal is £1.70. THE ORDER FORM MUST BE IN BY TUESDAY OTHERWISE YOUR CHILD WILL NOT HAVE A MEAL ORDERED. If you are in receipt of income support or other benefits, you might be entitled to free meals. Please come in and ask at the office to find out if you are eligible.

Water bottles

We are encouraging children to drink as much water as possible throughout the day. There is water available at lunchtime now and children have access to the water

fountains at playtime. They should bring a bottle with sports cap containing WATER in it to school each day so that they can have these on their desks. It is healthy to drink lots of water and also helps children learn better!! They will find out why at the Super Learning Day on Thursday 21st September!

Super Learning Day

As mentioned above, this is on Thursday 21st September and will be a very exciting day. All the children (except Elm) will abandon normal lessons and attend workshops in 3 mixed learning teams to teach them how they best learn. We will have a special assembly at 2.45pm that parents are very welcome to attend so they can find out what we have learnt!!!

Book Week

Our Book Week will start on Wednesday 11th October. There will be some special lessons and a book fayre in the hall after school. We will also have an Author, Kelly McCain in school on Friday 13th October. Her books are mainly written for girls but it is always interesting hearing how authors are inspired to write so everybody should get something out of working with Kelly. Maybe children can start reading some of her books now and I'm sure she will do signings on the day!!

On Monday 16th October, we are going to have a character day and we would like all children to come dressed as a character from a fiction book!! We will have a parade during assembly time and a prize will be given for the best costume!! Get those creative heads on!!!

Sponsored Bounce

£1300 was raised in our sponsored bounce in the summer term - this is amazing! A big thank you to all those who sponsored the children!! The old Beech class raised the most money and FOSS will be giving them each a small prize!!

Tesco's Sports Vouchers

We are collecting Tesco's vouchers this term. There is a collection box outside the office and we would like to get as many as possible so get collecting for us! It will provide us with some new sports equipment!!

Wake and Shake!

It has been recommended that all children (and adults!!) have 10 minutes of daily physical exercise! We would like to encourage children to do this by starting each day with a quick exercise routine to music. It will start at 8.50a.m and the children will go into classes after this! We ask that if you are on the playground that you support us by joining in. For us adults leading it, it would make it far easier and less embarrassing if there are participants rather than observers!! Our Wake and Shake is set to start Monday 18th September!!

After school Activities

There are lots of opportunities for after school activities. Here are the ones available at the moment

Monday French 3.30-4.30 year 4,5 and 6

Recorders various times dependent on group

Tuesday Rugby club year 4,5 and 6

Team theme football year 1, 2, 3 and 4 (not all year)

Wednesday SASP multi-sports year 1 and 2 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday Dance Aerobics year 4,5 and 6

Football Club year 4,5 and 6

Friday SASP netball 3.30-4.30 year 3,4,5 and 6 3.30-4.30

Our school after school club is in the process of being sorted. It is likely that it will run from 3.15-5.00. It will be operational as quickly as possible. Children will be collected from the playground and supervised in Oak classroom. If they attend another after school activities, the person leading that club can take your child to Oak to be looked after. The after school club will also supervise children who have siblings doing other activities. It is likely that the cost will be approximately £2.50 from 3.15-4.30 and then an extra £2.00 from 4.30-5.00pm. Final costs will be confirmed dependent on demand. It is hoped that the club will be up and running before half-term.

Brownies

Brownies runs in our school hall on Tuesday nights between 6 and 7.30. It is aimed at girls between 7 and 10 at there are lots of exciting activities to do. If you would like your daughter to start, please ring Alison Cottey on Taunton 253847.

Harvest celebrations

Our Harvest service will be at the church on Friday 29th September and parents are welcome to attend. There will a special workshop on Saturday in the school from 11.30-3.00 for children. It will start with a harvest lunch and be followed by art and drama activities run by Kate Taylor. There will be a cost of £1.50 for the day to pay for lunch. Some children will have the opportunity to show what they have done in the service on Sunday 1st October which will be the church harvest Celebration. I also hope our new prefects will be able to attend this service to meet the congregation.