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Welcome Back!

I very much hope you had a good summer break and managed to get out and about enjoying the sunshine. The children have come back to school full of energy and there is a superb learning buzz in the classes. Our new school year starts with a residential trip for Rhine Class who will be spending the week in the Forest of Dean. The teachers have been busy planning exciting topics for the children. Topic webs and class letters will accompany this Newsletter today. We would like to invite parents to Meet and Greet sessions in the coming weeks, these sessions are an ideal way to meet class teachers and hear first hand about things like home learning, expectations and class routines. These will take place as follows:

Rhine Class	Thursday 6th September at 2.30pm
Amazon Class	Wednesday 11th September at 2.30pm
Darling Class	Wednesday 12th September at 2.30pm

Attendance and punctuality continue to be a focus for our school this year. Class teachers take the morning register at 9.00am. This is the time that all children should be in class and ready to start their day. Early Morning Drop Off/Quick Fitness run from 8.30am and so children can come into school from this time. If this is not taken up, children should arrive at school at 8.50am.

An area of British Values we will be exploring this term is the World of Work—in particular jobs that people have in our society. We will be introducing this to the school during assemblies and will be asking the children to find out what kinds of jobs their parents, carers and families have. If there is anyone who would be willing to talk to the children about their jobs please pop into school. It doesn't have to be to the whole school, maybe to small groups or classes. Your help would be really appreciated.

We welcome adult helpers in class. If you have an hour or two to help on a regular basis please let either myself or your child's class teacher know. Any adult helpers must be DBS checked and so this would need to be completed before coming into help in classes. A Volunteers Coffee morning is being held on Friday 21st September at 10am. If you are thinking of becoming a volunteer or are an existing one please come along. At this we will be sharing safeguarding/conduct updates together with tips for making your time most effective and of course enjoying a cuppa and biscuit!

Flu Vaccinations Virgincare via the NHS

This year the vaccination date has been confirmed as 28th November 2018. Virgincare would like to inform you of a change regarding the consent form process for the nasal flu vaccination for this year.

Following feedback from previous years, Virgincare are going to an electronic consent process, this will also ensure a more robust and safe experience for children as it reduces the opportunity for miscommunications or errors.

Parents will receive an email containing an individual link. Parents can then use a computer or smart phone to click on the link and will be directed to a secure website to complete all details required to gain consent. This electronic consent links directly with children's health records and has been subject to robust information governance process.

The link for each school will close within a set timescale prior to the session with a message for parents to contact the immunisation team with any queries if it has closed. This link will be shared with schools individually in early September.

Early Morning Drop Off

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Up and Under Sports Coaches continue to provide a **Quick Fitness** session for each child who arrives at school before 8.50am on a Monday and Friday. The session will run from 8.30— 8.50am on a Monday and Friday.

All children who arrive at school before 8.50am, will be asked to join the **Quick Fitness** session and the door will be open to parents to talk to staff from 8.50am.

Children will be registered for **Quick Fitness** by a member of school staff at the gate before going down into the playground to meet with the sports coaches

Tuesday and Thursday

Working Parents, who need to drop their children off at 8.30am can continue to do so on Tuesday and Thursday using the self register system in reception.

Please bear in mind:

- Staff are busy preparing for their day ahead
- Early drop off from 8.30am to 8.45am for CHILDREN only
- Parents are welcome to enter the school at 8.50am at the start of the school day
- Parents who wish to talk to teachers or the office will need to wait until the start of the school day at 8.50am
- The school will be opened at 8.50am for children and parents.

Our 8.30am early morning drop off will continue to be offered free of charge until further notice.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see everyone coming into school in their smart school uniform. A plea from the staff and myself. Please make sure all school uniform including PE kit is **named**. It is so much easier to return items of clothing if they have a name in them. Thank you!

Our extra curricular after school clubs schedule will be sent home soon. Please look out for it. Some clubs have limited numbers so apply quickly to avoid disappointment! If the club is fee paying, we will collect payment via Parent Pay to confirm your child's place. Many thanks

Polite Parking Request

Parking: This is always a problem outside school; the use of the school bus or shared lifts will greatly help. **Please note that directly opposite the school is a passing bay, not a public lay-by, please do not park in this area** as this causes a grid lock at peak times when the school bus is picking up.

May we remind you that our **yellow zig zags are to be kept clear**— No picking up, dropping off, or parking! However, as we do not have any blue bay markings, blue badge holders may park on the zigzags if their vehicles are not obstructing access or causing danger to pedestrians—this is advice that has been taken from the community officers.

As good neighbours, we would also ask for parents **not to block access to residents drive ways**, which causes upset and complaints.



MAKE YOUR CLAIM NOW!

Did you know that registering your child for free school meals means that the school gets extra money?

The Government is giving money to schools to help children to do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered the school gets £1,300 for a primary-aged pupil (2018-2019). Examples of how this money can be spent include:

- Purchasing specialist support, audit of provision, developing the vision
- CPD for key staff
- Developing a creative curriculum
- Resources to support inclusion, software focused on specific needs
- Purchase of technology resources for individuals, existing, new and emerging
- Developing strategies for engaging children and parents in and out of school
- Developing collaboration, support or mentoring projects
- Supporting the work of schools, governors, staff and parents on e-safety
- Subsidy of school clubs, specialist teachers to promote engagement.

The deadline to make your claim so that the school can take advantage of this additional funding is **Monday 1st October**, this will give time for the application to be processed and accepted by 5th October 2017 our funding day.

Please apply if you receive any of the following benefits even if you are entitled to the new Infant Free School Meals, as the school will receive additional funding for your child.

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Ask the office for a paper copy application or simply apply on line by following this link

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/schoolsandcolleges/parentadvice/educationgrants/freeschoolmeals/freeschoolmealsform.htm>

Quick, simple and easy to apply!

Mrs Druce in the school office can help with any enquires and assist with completing the simple online application.

Successful applications will receive a £30 voucher towards the cost of school trips

Claim your free school meal...



Check to see if you are eligible and register today using our confidential online application form at:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

For further information call 01225 713780 or speak to your child's school today.

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P.E. Kit

PE kits are required in school each day. It is such a shame when children miss out on such a valuable experience because of a forgotten PE Kit.

Whilst we hope that children as they develop their independence skills will start becoming responsible for bringing the appropriate equipment into school, if your child does not have a PE kit in school, we will text or telephone to remind you.

We hope these Newsletters keep you informed about what is happening in school but if there is something missing, then please let me know. We are always looking at ways in which we can improve communication between school and home. Most letters will be sent home on a Thursday via email, so please check your inbox particularly on that day!