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Welcome everyone to the first Newsletter of the year. The week has gone in a flash so far, with lots of busy and enthusiastic learning and smiles coming into school, children and adults alike! Mrs Breen and Mrs South have now joined the Stanton Team, and will be working in Darling and Amazon Class respectively. Meet and Greet Sessions are planned as follows so that parents can meet with class teachers and find out about arrangements and expectations for the new school year. It is most valuable to attend these meetings as information beyond the Termly Newsletter is often discussed as part of the questions raised.

Darling Class—Thursday 12th September at 2.30pm

Amazon Class—Wednesday 11th September at 2.30pm

Rhine Class—Wednesday 11th September at 3.00pm.

For Rhine Class Meet and Greet, as the time is after school children are welcome to join the meeting and listen to the discussions.

I am sure that you have noticed that Darling Class' outdoor area has had a significant revamp over the summer break. I hope you agree that it is such an amazing transformation and as a school we must thank yourselves and FOSS for fundraising throughout last year in enabling this project. The excitement and opportunities for learning in this area are endless.

Dates for the term will be sent as a separate document today as the Newsletter is getting longer and longer! We have tried to plan in as a many as we can for the Autumn Term to share with you and give plenty of notice however some may be subject to change or added to as the term progresses, so please check the school website and the Newsletter that comes out every Thursday. Contact information sheets together with parental consent for the internet/ school website and Home School Agreements will be send home very soon. Please check that the school has the correct contact information. A statutory requirement now is that we have 2 emergency contact numbers. Any medical needs also need to be checked. If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler in school please make sure it has been sent in.

This week I have set the whole school a short Home Learning task. Children and adults will be given a postcard and should write about the place they have visited — where they went, why they went there, how they got there, what they saw/visited and bring in a photograph/small artefact that can be shared and displayed. Once children have brought their postcard and photo back to school then they will be able to add to the special maps that we have on our communal display in the main corridor. Children will be given a Star Credit for their contribution, as we anticipate that they will give time and consideration in enhancing and supporting our whole school learning environment. This task is one that can include the whole family and opportunity for great discussions. It will be interesting to see the places children chose—both near and far.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn Headteacher

> Flu Vaccinations for children Reception to Year 6 inclusive Virgincare via the NHS

This year the vaccination date has been confirmed as 7th November 2019. 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 in September/ October.

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, Wednesday and Friday. The session will run from 8.30— 8.50am and is currently offered free of charge.

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:

- \rightarrow 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
- \rightarrow 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.



The Summer Reading Challenge ends this weekend on Saturday 7th September. There is still time to finish of any last minute books and pick up certificates from your local library. We can't wait to collect in children's certificates and celebrate this year's Space Chase reading challenge! **Please bring certificates in to school next week** so we can award them in a

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<u>School</u>	<u>Uniform</u>

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.



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The deadline to make your claim so that the school can take advantage of this additional funding is **Monday 30th September**, this will give time for the application to be processed and accepted by 5th October 2019 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



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. PE kits should be a white t-shirt, dark shorts, daps or trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts please for colder weather.

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 <u>Newsletters</u> 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!