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Miss Plumbe's Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break. We have a busy, fun-filled year ahead of us; we are very excited and are already getting cracking!



The whole school is currently enjoying getting to know their new class friends and teachers by studying the country of Spain. This looks different throughout school but is allowing the children a common interest to discuss at playtimes. This also allows all of the children to share their learning in lots of curriculum forms, including Spanish food tasting and flamenco dancing.



PE Kits

We will be continuing to utilise the great outdoors for as long as possible. Please ensure that your child has a **PE kit** in school throughout the week. If you would like to donate any spare PE kit that your child has grown out of, we would be more than grateful to be able to ensure all children participate in PE even on days when they have forgotten their kit. If for any reason your child does not participate in PE, we will be contacting you via text with a reason why.



Swimming

Swimming will continue every Tuesday afternoon for Years 3 and 4 until Christmas. Due to new DFE guidelines, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who cannot swim 25 metres unaided will attend school swimming sessions for a 5-week intensive course in January.



School Gates

You will all have noticed our lovely new gate. This is the start of several improvements that we will be making to the outside of school over the following months. Please ensure that you continue to use the buzzer system on the pedestrian gate when visiting school.





Our Heatherley after school wrap-around care club has reopened for business and continues to be a huge success. Mrs Morgan and Miss Wood are having a lovely time providing care for children between the hours of 3.30pm and 5.30pm. There is still some flexibility if you would like to sign your child up. The cost is £7.50 per day including a snack, and we can work around your working week. Thank you for all of your lovely comments and praise; it really does make a difference to us.

Breakfast club is busier and more popular than ever. Please let the office know if you would like your child to attend at a cost of £2.50 per day.

Our autumn enrichment clubs are in the process of being organised. Keep checking your child's book bags for information on the following:

- Key Stage 1 and Year 3 **Choir** Club on Tuesday with Mrs Brocklehurst
- Key Stage 2 (Years 4, 5 and 6) **Choir** Club on Tuesday with Miss Lindley
- Foundation 2 **Art** Club on Thursdays with Miss Swinscoe and Mrs Nussey
- Key Stage 1 **Dodgeball** Club on Mondays with Inspire Education
- Key Stage 1 **Lego** Club on Tuesdays with Miss Lee
- Key Stage 2 **Football** on Tuesdays with Mr Burgess
- Key Stage 2 **Cricket** Club on Mondays with Inspire Education
- Key Stage 2 **Games** Club on Tuesdays with Miss Richardson
- Key Stage 2 **Sport Karate** Club on Tuesdays with Mr Harrison
- Key Stage 2 **ALF** Club on Thursdays with Mrs Morgan
- Year 3 and 4 **Musical Theatre** Club on Mondays with Miss Ainsworth and Miss Wells
- Year 5 and 6 **Lego** Club on Tuesdays with Miss Hooper
- Year 5 and 6 **Art** Club on Thursdays with Mr Herring

Further lunchtime clubs are currently being organised and will be communicated to you via specific year group letters shortly.



30 Hour Entitlement for 3 Year Olds

Our 30-hour provision for 3 year olds is now up and running in school. Please check our website or contact the school office if you think this provision could help and support your family.





School Systems

Play times: we have talked with staff and children and have all decided to keep Key Stage 1 and 2 play times split. The children much prefer having more space and equipment to play with and in view of the weather changing and the possibility of the field being out of commission sooner rather than later, it is the best way of providing nice play opportunities for the children.

Behaviour Systems- Good on Green: we have devised a new system in school that is consistent across all year groups. Our Good on Green system is a basic traffic light system, which resets at the beginning of every day to give the children a safe and structured way to learn from their mistakes. **Green** means that the children are coming to school and are following the school rules as they have agreed to do. **Yellow** means there has been an incident in which the child has broken a school rule or has made a wrong choice. This will have resulted in a school-based warning. We will discuss it within school and allow the children to learn from their own mistakes. **Red** means the child will have a consequence for their behaviour and we will inform you of the incident leading to this. We will continue to use our very popular house points system in school to reward positive behaviour.



Parental Survey Feedback

Thank you to all of you who completed the questionnaire before the summer break. The collated results are as follows:

		Agree
1	My child is happy and enjoys school	96%
2	My child feels safe at school	100%
3	My child is making good progress in their class	94%
4	My child is well looked after at school	100%
5	The teaching is good in my child's class	98%
6	My child receives appropriate homework	93%
7	The school/class teacher makes sure that pupils are well behaved	99%
8	The class teacher/Head teacher deals effectively with bullying	99%
9	The school is led and managed well	99%
10	If I have a concern the class teacher/head teacher responds well	96%
11	I receive valuable information about my child's progress and the class teacher helps me to support my child's learning at home	94%
12	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school	98%



Among the lovely comments many of you made about our school, two main points appeared to be consistent across many of you.

Reading- We have improved our time table in school to enable all children to have a set time across school where all children have a chance to change their reading books and we will continue to write in reading diaries after reading comprehension activities weekly. Reading will be our start of school activity at 8.40am daily and class teachers will reward reading at home in class.

Homework- Many of you were concerned about the reduced amount of homework sent home by class teachers. All children will now have their own homework book with clear instructions from their class teachers in the cover. Not all homework will be written: some will be games and activity ideas for you to play at home.



MacMillan (Friday 28th September 2018) – Our support will continue for MacMillan Cancer Support this year. We plan to ask you all to join us for a pastry breakfast option with a drink for a small charge, and we will host a cake sale after school. Any donations for the cake sale would be gratefully received. As usual, all proceeds will go directly to this very worthwhile cause.



First Aid Training - Friday 28th September 2018

Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in basic first aid training, CPR and role-play activities to prepare them of what to do in an emergency. They will all have many opportunities to ask any questions they may have regarding the emergency services. A skilled trainer who has worked within the emergency services for many years will deliver the individual training sessions.



In Service Training Days

School will be closed to children on the 25th and 26th October 2018. These are the two days before we break up for half-term holidays. All staff will be completing statutory First Aid and Safeguarding updates during these days.

Educational visits and residential information will follow as soon as possible. I can assure you that there will be no visits this half-term, and we aim to provide you all visit and residential dates and costs for the year ASAP to allow you to plan for any extra costs to your family.

Many thanks once again for your help and support,

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Head teacher

