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Dear Parents/ Carers

September 2023 Newsletter

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. It is the start of another busy school year. We have some new faces in school with the new Red group starting school last week, a couple of new children in KS1, and Miss Jennifer Worthington (our new Y5/6 and KS2 teacher) joining us.

Arrangements at the End of the School Day

We want to ensure that children are handed over to parents in a safe manner so we are asking parents to **wait just inside the school gates on the drive**. The Infants will wait by the wall in the Red Group area until they see their parent/carer. The teachers will send them to their adult. The Junior children will wait by the sheds until they see their parent/carer and they will walk down to you. A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our programme of clubs will **re-commence week beginning Monday 18th September until half-term** when they will be revised for the winter months. A full list of clubs will be sent out to you via email at the beginning of next week. At the moment, we are finalising our programme of activities. For children who would like to join any clubs, please email the member of staff who is running the club or contact the school office.

Harvest Festival – Friday 29th September at 9.15am in Litton Church

We would like the children to bring donations of tinned food and dried foods which we will donate to the Buxton Foodbank after the service. All parents and wider family members are warmly invited to the service.

Toys

Please can we remind all parents/carers to discourage children from bringing toys into school. Toys from home can be easily lost or broken in school which cause a great deal of upset for the children involved. We have plenty of resources for the children to play with at playtimes and lunchtimes and we have talked to the children in assembly about leaving their toys at home.

Breakfast Club 7.45am-8.50am

This year, Breakfast Club will be organised and run by Rebecca Perkins, Sarah Robinson and Katie Eavis. Each morning doors open at 7.45am- 8.50am. Due to increasing costs, it will now be £4.50 per session. We serve breakfast until 8.15am and there is a choice of cornflakes, slices of toast with butter and jam and orange/apple juice or water. Please can parents ensure sessions are paid for in advance unless you are using childcare vouchers. If you wish to book in or make any changes to your child/ren's days or hours, please let Rebecca know.



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Parents Assembly

We will be holding Parents assemblies on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm. They will begin on Friday 15th September. No assembly on Friday 29th September due to the Macmillan Coffee afternoon. If you are available, please come along to our awards assemblies.

Website

The new parents' handbook for September 2023 is now available on the school website in the Parents section. It contains information about the working days of staff, timetables and topics for the year. We will endeavour to keep the calendar on the website as up to date as possible so please refer to that for information and don't forget to sync it to your phone.

Extra-Curricular Music Lessons

Our peripatetic music teachers will be re-commencing lessons from Tuesday 12th September. Rachel Steadman (piano, brass) will be teaching on Tuesday mornings, Jason Curteis (strings) on Tuesday mornings and Karen Simpson (recorders and woodwind) will be teaching on Friday mornings. If anyone is interested in starting music lessons with any of our peripatetic teachers, please let Rebecca or Mrs Hicks know and we can put you in contact with them.

Individual School Photographs - Wednesday 13th September from 9.00am

We have organised for individual school photographs to be taken in the school playground on Wednesday 13th September from 9.00am (weather permitting). We will ensure brother and sister groups are also photographed. If you have any younger children that you would like to be included (individually or in a group) in the photos, please wait in school at 9.00am and we will ensure their photos are taken first.

Forthcoming Events:

Individual School Photographs – Wednesday 13th September

PTFA meeting – Thursday 14th September at 1.30pm in school

Harvest Festival – Friday 29th September at 9.15am in Litton Church

Kitchen Table Family Service – Sunday 18th September at 11.00am in Litton Church

Macmillan Coffee afternoon – Friday 29th September in the school hall from 1.45pm-3.00pm

Flu Vaccinations in school – Friday 6th October

Autumn Parent Evenings- week beginning Monday 16th October- more information to follow soon.

AGM PTFA – Thursday 19th October at 7.00pm in school

School finishes for October Half- Term – Friday 27th October at 3.20pm

Inset Dates:

Friday 22nd December 2023

Friday 23rd June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Uniform

Here is a reminder about our expectations for school uniform. If you need any items, we have a large stock on second hand items which we are selling for £1.00. Please speak to Rebecca in the school



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office if you need any uniform. We also have a small amount of brand-new uniform if you wish to purchase it as well.

<u>Day wear</u>	<u>PE Kit</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School trousers or shorts (grey or black) • Skirt or pinafore (grey or black) • Red polo shirt • Red & White checked dress • Red school sweatshirt or cardigan • Grey or white socks or red / grey / black tights. • Black school shoes • Warm coat • A water bottle <p>We prefer wellington boots to be kept for outside.</p> <p>On snowy days children will only be allowed out if they have a change of footwear.</p> <p>Hair should be tied back with red / grey / black 'low key' accessories.</p> <p>All school uniform must be clearly named.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts / skort (black) <li style="text-align: center;">and • Joggers or leggings (black) • Tee shirt (red) • Warm top / hoodie (red) • Pumps (KS1) or Trainers • Socks (if tights are worn to school) • In a drawstring bag <p>Please note all children need both indoor and outdoor kit so all children need shorts.</p> <p>All kit must be clearly named.</p>

We hope it will be another exciting, fulfilling year in school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Caroline Hicks
Headteacher

