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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back to the new school year. We certainly missed the children over the summer and hope you had a great break too.

Just a reminder of a couple of rules and things we do at Church Vale.

- No mobiles or wearable tech that can send message/photos etc in school.
- No nail varnish or jewellery (one pair of studs allowed but must be removed for PE, swimming, yoga etc)
- No toys or things from home as they go missing and cause upset
- Water in water bottles and please use the school ones, replacements are available from Parentpay.
- White t shirts and back bottoms for PE. Absolutely no football tops please.
- Please label everything! Kids lose the weirdest things!

We are not allowed to put plasters over pierced earrings and so if they have just had them pierced, they will miss PE/swimming etc.

PE kit should come in on a Monday and stay all week. Please make sure your child can take their own earrings out.

We do not take responsibility for any lost or stolen items but will help find them where we can.

They are allowed to wear their own clothes if their birthday falls on a school day.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 they can have a pizza muffin on a Wednesday to be paid by Tuesday of that week to the class teacher/teaching assistant. Ideally you can pay for the half term in full. This needs to be in cash unfortunately.

From year 3 upwards children can walk home on their own so if you are running late or have a change of parent picking up please let us know.

Reading rewards have changed

25 - certificate

50 - sweets

100 - fancy pencil to use in class

150 - book

250 - free toy from the toy box

300 - inclusion to the reading treat party.

If your child reads 3 times per week, they will achieve the 300 reads treat. They can read anything to anyone, but it must be recorded in their reading diary. If this gets lost, we keep track at school and are happy to give the first replacement for free.

School shoes can be anything black; we have allowed short boots to be worn and also back trainers (although they will need a different pair for PE as if they go on the field these sometimes get wet.)

They also need a coat in everyday as the weather can have all the seasons in one day and we do get them outside to play whenever we can.

Things to check at the start of the year:

- Does my Parentpay work?
- Have I downloaded the Scholarpack App?
- Have I checked my contact details are correct? Do I have at least 2 contacts school could ring if my child had an emergency?
- Have I registered/paid for Cool milk? (FS1/FS2 and those in receipt of FSM are automatically added by the school office)
- Have I checked to see if I am eligible for free school meals/milk (school gets money for each child on free school meals), check at this address
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>
- Have I labelled everything?

A list of dates has already been sent out but they are always on the school website click on www.churchvale.notts.sch.uk and click on -news and events- calendar. The dates for the whole year are there.

Welcome to our new teacher, Miss Dennison. She is working with the year 4 children and already is a great member of our team. A new site manager will be joining us shortly. Mrs Jermy has changed her name to Miss Smith. Miss Giller had her baby boy in the summer and both mum and baby are doing well. The rest of the staff are all the same!

We are happy to see parents in person, communicate by email or phone call, Scholarpack App or by Facebook messenger. There are many ways to get in touch!

Thursdays are PTA coffee morning in the mobile and we are always looking for reliable reading volunteers to read with our children. Get in touch with Miss Law if you fancy doing this.

We are also looking for a new Governor, if you are interested in what this role means then please have a chat to Mrs Yardley.

Mrs Yardley and all the Church Vale team.

