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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you have had a great summer break, and the children are eager to get back to school. We have certainly missed them.

Arbor App

This is our main form of communication on a day-to-day basis. Please make sure you have downloaded it and your notifications are turned on. We no longer use Parent Pay and all payments etc. will be through Arbor.

Attendance

Everyday counts!

Attendance target for our school is 96% and school is not allowed to authorise holidays. We will always need copies of medical evidence for appointments and illnesses. There are very strict guidelines around what we are and aren't allowed to do. Please be aware that fining is now entering its third year where you could end up at court if you have previously had 2 penalty notices.

Birthdays

When it is your child's birthday on a school day, they are allowed to wear non uniform. We will allow the children to give out cakes/sweets if you want them to but please be aware there are stricter guidelines in school around allergens and so only bought items can be given out. No home-made things please. If their birthday is on a weekend or a school holiday, then they can't wear their own clothes on another day. Their prize is to have their birthday at home.

Reading

Reading is massively important, we are running our reward system again as it seems to be very effective so they get a sweets or small prize for 50 reads, 100 reads is a pen, 150 is a book, 200 is a box of chocolates, 250 is a toy from the box and 300 is a party. So, get reading!! We finish counting reads on the 23rd of July. Just be careful of filling in the diary in advance, adding a comment like 'they read 30 times' or back dating reads. We will not be counting these. Little and often is the best way. If your child loses their diary let us know we can sort this out. We also count each week so they won't miss out on too many should they need a new one.

Lost property

I was astounded by how much lost property we ended up with at the end of the year. Please label everything, we make sure that they get their items back if it is labelled.

PE kits

Can PE kits come in each Monday or stay for the whole half term. PE days do change occasionally and we sometimes have special events in school that need a PE kit. They do need a change of trainers for PE.

KS2

KS2 children can bring a light snack of fruit for their morning breaktime. No biscuits or crisps etc. just fruit, thank you. They also have the opportunity to purchase a pizza muffin to eat during Wednesday morning breaktime. Pizza muffins cost 50p and money is to be brought in on a Tuesday and handed to the class Teaching Assistant. Pizza muffins can be paid weekly, or you can send in money for the whole term. You will have noticed a white line on the approach to the playground. Please do not cross this line. It is for the security of classes who may be getting changed for PE etc. We are also trying to build independence with the children as they move through from year 3.

Nits

Nits are an inevitability of school and so once all the children are back if you could frequently check your children's hair and treat it if they have them. This is the only way we can stop the spread. If a staff member physically sees a live headlice in a child's hair we will give you a ring to come and take your child to get treated. Best way to stop children with long hair getting them is to tie it up every day.

Mobile phones and jewelry

Mobile phones must not be brought to school by children unless this has been agreed by the class teacher or head teacher. In these cases, it must be handed in at the office for the day. Your child is not allowed to access this during the day and can collect at the end of the day. This is new guidance from the government. We allow one stud earring in each ear lobe and no other jewelry. The earrings must be able to be removed by your child or not wear them on PE days. They cannot be covered by plasters. School is not responsible for anything brought into school that goes missing.

Important Dates for 2026-2027

11/09/2026	• 9am - 11am WNC craft workshop • Y4 Swimming starts
18/09/2026	• 9am - 11am WNC craft workshop
21/09/2026	• Residential Group 1 Leave

22/09/2026	• Residential Group 1 return
24/09/2026	• Residential Group 2 Leave
25/09/2026	• Residential Group 2 return • 9-11am WNC craft workshop
02/10/2026	• 9-11am WNC Craft workshop
07/10/2026	• Y3 Trip
08/10/2026	• 9.45am Harvest Festival
09/10/2026	• 9-11am WNC crafts workshop
14/10/2026	• 3-5pm Halloween Disco
16/10/2026	• Flu immunisations • Non-uniform day for chocolate donation • 9-11am WNC Online Safety to parents
19/10/2026 - 30/10/2026	• Half Term
02/11/2026	• Back to school
09/11/2026-13/11/2026	• Parents Evening Week
13/11/2026	• Photo day
18/11/2026	• Y6 Lantern workshop
25/11/2026	• Christmas Fair
26/11/2026	• 4pm Lantern Parade
30/11/2026	• 9.30am KS2 performance practice in church
01/12/2026	• 9.30am KS2 performance practice in church
02/12/2026	• 9.30am KS2 performance to parents in church
09/12/2026	• 9.30am KS1 performance to parents • 1.30pm KS1 performance to parents
10/12/2026	• Christmas jumper day
14/12/2026	• 9.15am Christmas crafts morning for parents
15/12/2026	• EYFS Christmas party
16/12/2026	• KS1 Christmas party
17/12/2026	• KS2 Christmas party
18/12/2026	• INSET day
21/12/2026 - 01/01/2027	• Christmas holidays
04/01/2027	• Back to school
25/01/2027 - 29/01/2027	• Parents evening week
12/02/2027	• Y4 last day swimming • Non-uniform day for £1 donation
15/02/2027 -19/02/2027	• Half term
22/02/2027	• Back to school • Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
26/02/2027	• Y3 swimming starts
04/03/2027	• World Book Day
24/03/2027	• Easter egg competition • Non-uniform day for £1 donation • 1.30pm Easter crafts afternoon for parents

25/03/2027	• INSET day
26/03/2027- 09/04/2027	• Easter holidays
12/04/2027	• Back to school
03/05/2027	• Bank holiday
10/05/2027 - 13/05/2027	• SATs week
28/05/2027	• Non-uniform day for £1 donation
31/05/2027- 04/06/2027	• Half term
07/06/2027	• INSET day
08/06/2027	• Back to school
14/06/2027 - 18/06/2027	• Phonics week
21/06/202 - 23/06/2027	• Bikeability
24/06/2027	• Sports day
09/07/2027	• Reports out to parents
12/07/2027	• Drop in parents evening 3.15 - 5.30pm
16/07/2027	• Y3 swimming last day
21/07/2027	• Transition morning new classes
22/07/2027	• 1.30pm Y6 performance to parents • 6pm Y6 performance to parents
23/07/2027	• Last day for counting reads • 1.30pm Family Fun afternoon & Summer Fair
27/07/2027	• House point treat • 2pm Y6 prize giving
28/07/2027	• Reading prize treat picnic • Non uniform for free
29/07/2027	• Summer holidays

All dates will eventually be on the website should you need to check something.

Remember any problems please come and talk to us. We may not be able to speak to you straight away, but you can request a callback, and we will ring you as soon as we can. Sometimes first thing in the morning isn't the easiest time to have a chat about something as the staff are trying to get the children safely into school, especially on key stage 2 side. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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Headteacher

