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Dear Mums & Dads, Carers

I hope you enjoyed the summer break and the lovely weather. We have made a few changes over the summer term and the team here are excited to start the new year with your children.

Teaching Staff

As you are aware Mrs Kelly and Miss Payne are off enjoying their maternity leave. To cover them we still have Miss Jones and Mrs Pole.

Mrs Haggett has moved to year 2 and is job sharing with Miss Orchard-Brown who was in year 2 last year. Mrs Brake is still our year 2 teacher, but has moved classrooms. Miss Jones has remained in year 1 and is covering Miss Payne's maternity leave. Miss Pole has remained in Reception covering Mrs Kelly's maternity leave. Miss Stow has moved to reception to take the other reception class and Mrs Slade has remained in nursery.

Attendance

We will continue to work towards achieving our attendance target this year of 94.8%. We are accountable to Welsh Government for improving attendance of pupils. I understand it is difficult sometimes as small children seem to catch everything from coughs and colds to chicken pox. If your child is off or attends a medical appointment can you please let the class teacher or the office know as soon as possible. Please be aware that if you take your child out of school for a holiday I will not authorise it if the attendance is under 94%.

Uniform

Thankyou for sending your children into school in their uniforms. They look very smart. Could I ask you to ensure you label EVERYTHING. We will do our best to ensure the children go home in their correct uniform and with their jumpers or cardigans but it is difficult if they aren't labelled. Children will need waterproof coats as Foundation Phase practice encourages children to be outside whatever the weather. For forest school days it is advisable to send in wellington boots for the children and waterproof coats as the area is naturally quite muddy.

Lunch & Snack

Just a reminder that lunch money should be given in on a Monday. It is £10 a week or £2 a day. If you are eligible for free school meals please speak to the office and collect a form. Unfortunately you will have to pay for meals until we have confirmation from the authority that your family is eligible for free meals.

From September only nursery and reception will have snack and milk at snack time. Snack is £1 a week. As with dinner money this needs to be sent in on a Monday in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. As part of our Healthy Schools recommendation from the authority we have clear plastic bottles for every child which we will send home at the end of the week. These are for the children to bring their water to school. Thank you for your continued support in sending in healthy lunchboxes and snacks.

Breakfast Club

As you are aware we have a very popular breakfast club, run by Caerphilly catering and held in our school. Children who attend breakfast club are entitled to a free breakfast, this is the purpose of the club and as such the children should arrive no later than 8.30 to receive their breakfast. If you would like your child to attend please see the office for a form.

Meetings

We will be holding meetings for parents in phonics, behaviour, maths, literacy and ICT over the coming term. Dates will follow and I urge you to attend in order for you to become familiar with strategies the school uses in order to support your child at home.

Kindest Regards,

A J Brett-Harris

Andrea Brett-Harris
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

September 26th Behaviour Talk for Parents 3pm start

September 28th Macmillan coffee morning

October 5th Training Day

October 8th Flu Vaccinations

October 17th Phonics for Parents 3pm start

October 22nd & 23rd Parents Evenings