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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to new children. We hope that bringing your children back to school was a calm experience and that you have seen us return to the pre pandemic normal.

This first newsletter of the year is packed with useful information and we look forward once again working with you and your child.

Please look out this evening for the school prospectus, the after school clubs brochure and the educational visits brochure. Your child will bring them home with them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Executive Head Teacher

Miss Suzanne Rawlings
Head Teacher Norton le Moors

Miss Leanne Gallagher
Head of School Newstead

Mr Paul Davies
Head of School Whitfield Valley



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS

The last 18 months have seen many changes to the ways in which we do things. Using emails and texts to communicate with you has been extremely successful and we shall continue with this paperless communication as much as we can. At the beginning of the year there will be a few forms that will be sent home on paper for you to complete and give your permission for your child to take part in different activities/events that take place over the year, but after this initial set up we shall continue to communicate via email and text.

MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASS TEACHER

As school returns to normal, we are delighted to be able to invite you into school next week to meet your child's new teacher.

Each night the school will be open from 3.30pm to 4.15pm for you to meet your child's teacher and to see where their classroom is. Please use the main school office entrance to access the building. We have split the key stages into different days to ensure that we do not have too large a crowds as we all get used to mixing again. Please see below for your day to meet with the teacher.

Monday 6th September 2021 – Reception classes

Tuesday 7th September 2021 – Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

Wednesday 8th September 2021 – Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

Thursday 9th September 2021 – Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6)

School Day Timings

We have opened slightly earlier over the last 2 days to allow us all to get back into the school routine. From Monday 6th September 2021 the school opening times will be as follows:

MORNING

School Gates Open - 8.40am

Playgrounds Supervised from 8.50am with staff ready to welcome children and start lining up

Children enter school from 8.55am

Gates close at 9am

AFTERNOON

Gates open at 3.05pm

Home time is at 3.15pm (Nursery 3pm)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TIMES

Gates open at 4.10pm

Clubs finish at 4.15pm (Golf and Horseriding collection is at 4.30pm)

DAY VISITS THIS TERM



The brand new minibuses are now 18 months old and will finally be able to be used from next week!

Your child will have an educational visits brochure with them this evening.

International residential visits are due to restart in November 2021. We have already and shall continue to communicate with these parents as we are given updates by the government.

The Farm

All school farms are now open to children and you will see that some year groups have the opportunity to take part in a farm club. Please take a look at the farm on your meet the teacher evenings.



Office hours and reporting your child's absence

The school office opens at 8am and the telephone is manned from this time. Please do not call before this time. Please make contact to report your child's absence from 8am to 9am each day.



Homework Folders



If your child has lost their folder they will be given a plastic poly pocket to store their homework sheets in as we are unable to replace any folders free of charge. The cost of a replacement folder is £4.50. If you wish to purchase please let the school office know.

PE KIT

We have already started our PE lessons so please ensure that your child's kit is in school from Monday 6th September 2021. WE ARE NOT PROVIDING FREE KIT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR IT IS GIVEN OUT EVERY 2 YEARS. The next free kit will be next September 2022

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs start week commencing Monday 13th September 2021– a timetable of clubs taking place can be found in the notice boards around school. Your new brochure to showcase all the exciting extra-curricular activities your child can participate in has been sent home with your child. There are more clubs on offer than ever before which are sure to be popular; please note that if your child misses three sessions, they will be asked to leave the club and their place given to someone on the waiting list. Inside each brochure is a timetable together with a club request form. Please return your club requests by **Monday 6th September 2021**. You will receive your child's club timetable on **Wednesday 8th September 2021**. Please ensure that you are prompt when collecting your child from their club. Please collect from your normal end of day pick up point.

BREAKFAST SERVICE (Break Sales)

The full breakfast service provided by City Catering has been reintroduced as normal and children can choose from the following items.

- ❖ Milk 18p (free to under 5 year olds)
- ❖ Juice Carton 30p
- ❖ 1 Slice of Buttered White Bread Toast 25p or (half slice for Nursery only at a cost of 13p)
- ❖ Selection of Fruit items 35p
- ❖ Cheese oatcake - 75p
- ❖ Crumpet 35p
- ❖ Half Tea cake 35p
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Please top up your child's lunch/break sales account either at the school site or online if you wish your child to have a breakfast service and don't forget to let your child know too as they are not always sure if they have money available to spend. IF YOU WISH TO SEND IN A SNACK PLEASE ENSURE IT IS A HEALTHY CHOICE AND OF A SMALL SIZE (no chocolate, fizzy drinks, crisps etc.)

LUNCH SERVICE

Nursery price £2.17 per day

Reception to Year 2 - Free universal meals

Year 3 upwards £2.35 per day

CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY

There is an opportunity for a catering assistant at Whitfield Valley Primary Academy from 12 noon to 2pm daily term time only.

If you are interested please call:

Suzanne Hackett at City Catering on 01782 233366