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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Be on Time at



A polite reminder that the school day starts at 8.55am. Register is taken then the children are straight in to their lessons. Late arrivals means that they miss the register and can miss important announcements in class or the start of lessons or worship. Junior children go into class at 8.45am to look at their work from the previous day and teachers spend this time working with the children to fix any mistakes.

When a child is late, even if only by a few minutes, this can cause considerable disruption. It is disruptive not just to their own learning, but to the learning of the rest of the class.

'Lost minutes equal lost learning'. Just 5 minutes late per day equates to 3 days of school missed each year. For security reasons the school gate to the yard is closed at 8.55am. This is due to the fact that the staff have gone up to class and cannot ensure that the children have gone in to class. Children should not be coming in through the main entrance unless they are with an adult.

Friday - Year 1 Assembly 9.05am

There will be no assembly on Friday 27th October



Secondary school applications

Please ensure that you have applied on line for year 6 secondary places. The deadline is 31st October. If you still have a faith form for St Augustine's, please make sure you deliver/post this to St Augustine's. Please do not pass on to this office.

ParentPay

Please ensure you have activated your child's parent pay account. From January all dinner money and bookings/ payments for sports clubs will be via this system. If you do not have your username and password, please ring Mrs Wilkinson who will send this out to you.

Pupil Premium/Free school Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please apply by ringing your local area education office. (01254 220717). It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings. You will need to provide your:

Name
Date of birth
National insurance number

They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone. This will then be forwarded to the Area Education Office for them to make a decision as to whether you qualify for the Pupil Premium or not. It is important that you do apply if you think you qualify as the school will also qualify for extra government funding which will benefit your child's education right up to Year 11 (Secondary Education). This also includes free milk which is available for children who are entitled to free school meals. This application only needs to be completed once.

From September 2014 over and above this entitlement, all children in Reception class, Years 1 and 2 are also entitled to a hot Free School Meal regardless of their circumstances. This is an initiative set up by the government. This does not mean that you cannot still apply for free school meals.

Should you need to clarify anything as regards to this entitlement, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



School Dinners

After half term a new menu will be served in school. Copies of these will be sent home so parents can see the food that is on offer. At the beginning of the week, each child having a school dinner will get to choose their preference for the week, therefore ensuring the food they like is available. If there is a choice that is not popular, then the cook will try to change to a different selection. Meals cost £2.20 per day and a packed lunch, (pre - order) or jacket potato is also an option if this is preferred. Please contact Mrs Wilkinson if there are any changes to your child's meal pattern.



Spooky Disco

NON UNIFORM DAY

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the PTA Spooky disco on Friday 27th October. £5 per family, available from the office.

There will be a non- uniform on Friday 27th to support this. Please can you send in sweets or chocolates for the tombola.

The Grand events

Please see attached leaflet



Cross Country

Afterschool cross country club starts after half term on Wednesday 8th. If your child is taking part, please ensure you have paid £12 and have the correct kit/shoes for them. Club will only be cancelled in extreme weather, so unless you hear otherwise, it will be on. Children must have appropriate clothing for all weather conditions.

Date for your diary



8th December- School Christmas Fair

There will be a number of stalls on for this event. One will be 'Rehome a Teddy Bear'.

Please can you send in any teddies, still in good condition, that may need a new home for Christmas.

They will be washed and put up for sale to a good home. Hopefully the children won't buy their old Teddy!!

Next Week

Wednesday 25th Oct- EYFS Bikes & Scooters

Wednesday 25th Oct - Parents evening - Please access through the dining room doors.

Thursday 26th Oct- Parents evening - Please access through the dining room doors.

Friday 27th Oct- NO ASSEMBLY

Friday 27th Oct- Non Uniform day for Spooky Disco

Friday 27th Oct- PTA Spooky Disco 6-8pm in the Parish Centre

School closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 6th November- School reopens at 8.55am

Wednesday 8th November- Afterschool Cross Country Starts.

Thank you for your continued support