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Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year, 2022/23, and a particularly warm welcome to you if you are new to our school. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and have enjoyed the long holiday.

This letter contains lots of reminders and general information for the term ahead.

Messages & Communications

- Y1 – Y6 - For anything non-urgent you can post messages to your child's class teacher via Seesaw. Class Teaching Assistants will check Seesaw first thing each morning for any messages.
- Reception – please email your messages for our EYFS staff to EYFS@meadows.shropshire.sch.uk Our Early Years staff will check this inbox first thing each morning for any messages from parents/carers.
- If you have a message of a more urgent nature that arises during the day, for example a change to who is picking your child up at the end of school, then please make sure that you telephone these type of messages through to the School Office on 656080 to ensure that staff receive them during the school day.

Updates to Personal Information

Please let us know if you have changed any of your emergency contact telephone numbers or if you have moved house over the holidays, so that we can update our records.

Annual Asthma Healthcare Plan (Y1 – Y6)

In order to update our whole school asthma register for 2022-2023, we need every child's form to be completed and returned to us as soon as possible. Even if your child does not suffer from asthma, we still need their form returning to us to confirm that this is the case.

Asthma Inhalers

For your child's safety, we ask for all children who are on our whole school asthma register to have two inhalers in school. One is kept in the child's classroom, in the lime green asthma bag and the other is kept in the School Office as an emergency back-up. Please ensure that all inhalers (and the cardboard boxes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Annual Permissions Update 2022-2023 (Y1 – Y6 only)

Please complete the annual update of school permissions form for the 2022-2023 school year and return to school as soon as possible please.

Medical Information Update 2022-2023 (YR – Y6)

We are requesting that all parents complete and return this annual medical update form to us as soon as possible, so that we can update our database. This information is required for all children, so please complete and return to school, even if your child does not suffer from any pre-existing medical conditions or allergies.

P.E. Kits

We are continuing to ask that all children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days of the week that they have PE. They will remain in their PE kit throughout the day. All class teachers will be letting you know which days are the children's PE days within the next few days via their class welcome booklets.

As a reminder, our school PE kit comprises of the following items:

- A white round-necked t-shirt
- Plain navy blue shorts or navy blue tracksuit bottoms (for outside P.E. in colder weather)
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- White socks
- Sports trainers

On Thursdays, when some classes have an outdoor P.E. session with Mr O'Reilly, (our PE/school sport coach) we would ask that in addition to their school P.E. kit, children also bring a suitably warm, waterproof coat (that your child can easily move around in for sports activities) and possibly even a warm hat and gloves too in colder weather. Please note that all earrings should be removed prior to P.E. lessons. If your child is unable to do this independently, then earrings should be removed at home, prior to school.

Holidays in Term Time

As most of you are already aware, we are unable to grant requests for leave during term time for the purposes of a family holiday, unless we deem there to be 'exceptional circumstances' involved. Therefore, we urge all families to take note of this year's term dates and other important national assessment dates, which are attached to this letter, when planning family holidays.

Given the amount of time that children have lost over the past couple of years as a result of the disruption to education caused by the pandemic, it is even more important than ever for children to achieve full school attendance and catch up on lost learning time. Children are required to attend school for 190 days in each school year, which leaves 175 in which to plan family holidays and breaks away.

Unauthorised family holidays taken in term time in 2022-2023 will result in each parent being fined separately by the Local Authority through a fixed penalty notice (currently £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days of receipt, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days).

Any request for leave of absence during term time should be made using the appropriate form (available on the school website) and sent to the Headteacher as soon as possible and no less than two weeks prior to the event.

It has been lovely to see all the children return to school today and we hope that they are all settling in well to their new year groups and classes. Please do not hesitate to talk to either myself, or the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Jones, on the playground in the mornings if there is anything you would like to know or are unsure about.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Karen Morris
Head teacher

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022	
Term Begins	**Tuesday 6th September 2022**
First half term ends	Thursday 20th October 2022
Half term holiday	Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022
Second half term begins	Monday 31st October 2022
Term Ends	**Friday 16th December 2022**
P.D. Days	Monday 5th September 2022 Friday 21st October 2022

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023	
Term Begins	**Wednesday 4th January 2023**
First half term ends	Friday 17th February 2023
Half term holiday	Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2023
Second half term begins	Tuesday 27th February 2023
Term Ends	**Friday 31st March 2023**
P.D. Days	Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023	
Term Begins	**Monday 17th April 2023**
First half term ends	Friday 26th May 2023
Half term holiday	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Second half term begins	Monday 5th June 2023
Term Ends	**Friday 21st July 2023**
P.D. Days	Monday 24th July 2023 Tuesday 25th July 2023

May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023

Summer Holidays: Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September 2023

(Monday 4th September 2023 will be a PD day, so new academic year 2023/24 begins for children on Tuesday 5th September 2023)

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT DATES FOR NEXT YEAR - 2022-2023

- Year 2 – End of Key Stage 1 SATs – 1st – 26th May 2023
- Year 6 SATs – 8th – 12th May 2023
- Year 1 (and some Year 2 children) Phonics Screening Check – 12th - 16th June 2023
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 5th – 23rd June 2023

OTHER KEY DATES

- Year 5 Residential Trip to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre – 26th – 28th April 2023
- Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood Colomendy – 15th – 17th May 2023