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Dear Parents,



It is delightful to welcome our 90 new children into Ash, Cedar and Oak Classes, new children joining our school and our children who have moved into our Y1 and Y2 classes. It has been a very successful start to the term with new children settling in quickly, making friends and beginning their schooling. Our Y1 and Y2 children have 'grown' into their new classes and are already showing off their skills and their positive behaviour traits. I have a very happy team of staff who are delighted with their pupils so I am anticipating a very fruitful and productive year ahead.

Apples from the school allotment

Each child will be helping to make an apple tart, an apple cake or an apple crumble in their class next week using the apples from our school allotment. I will distribute the ingredients next week after which, I would ask you to inform the class teacher if you do not wish your child to eat (due to an ingredient intolerance) the apple product that they have made.

Holiday Scrapbooks

I have many boxes of holiday scrapbooks that I am reading through and enjoying the pictures. Certificates and stickers are ready for the children and I plan to talk with each child next week about their scrapbook, after which they can bring them home as a keepsake.

What is happening in the classrooms?

Curriculum maps showing you the topics being taught this term are being placed on the website. Each Year Group will be sending out an invitation to come along to a workshop so that you can learn more about how to support your child with all aspects of English and Maths. We look forward to seeing you! Please look inside your child's liaison book as staff will be providing a short weekly overview of the key areas of learning which will guide your support at home.



Safety in the playground

- At the beginning and end of the day, please can I ask that parents refrain from standing on the hashed yellow lines outside Poplar classroom and at the top of the steps.
- No dogs in the playground. Please keep your dog well away from the school gates so that children and adults can exit and enter the gates without coming in contact with your dog.
- Please keep away from any cars in the playground.
- In wet weather, please make use of the basement hall to shelter. Please wait with your child and stand still. Wet floors and fast movements cause accidents. Please do not stand in the stairwells to shelter or in the annexe cloakrooms causing a blockage.

Packed lunch meals

There are very few children who now have a packed lunch but if this is your choice, please ensure that your child has a balanced meal and drink with no confectionary products. I would encourage you to 'try' the school lunch option and I can support your child, with Paul our cook, to make this change a happy and successful one.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms – Thank you. Please provide the following where applicable:

- A hair band to tie up long hair for PE lessons
- Grips or a band to keep hair out of the eyes during lesson times (hair colour or school blue)

Urgent Please do not send your child to school with earrings. If the ears have just been pierced, please cover with tape until they can be removed.

Please refrain from sending your child to school with large fashion bows or accessories

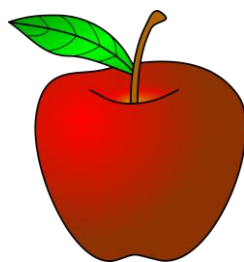
Please purchase a school book bag for your child (£4.00). We have no space to accommodate books carried in rucksacks. Please remember never to put the water bottle inside your child's book bag.

School Clubs

Details and contact numbers for people running clubs at school are available on the school website. There may still be spaces available in some of the clubs There are still a few places available with Vicky to learn an instrument or join the after school recorder club or Elastic Band. Please contact Vicky directly so that lessons can start next week.

September seems to be a month of showers and sunshine so I ask you to please send your child to school with a coat.

I have met with and talked to a large number of parents already this term and would like to reiterate my keenness to work with you and your child over the year. Please call in or book an appointment if you would like to chat.



Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher