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Newsletter - 6th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Carpenters. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

I have included lots of information in this newsletter to share with you. This year we will continue to work hard to make the school even better so that all children are able to receive an enjoyable education in an environment where every child feels safe and secure. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do come and see myself or a member of my team. I am looking forward to working with you all again this next year.

Diane Barrick - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Attached is an outline of the dates for this year. We are trying our very best to give parents/carers as much notice as possible. While some of these dates may need to be changed, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

Parent/Carer Information Session

Thursday 8th September 2016

3.30pm- 4:00pm

This will be an opportunity for you to meet the teachers, find out the schools and teachers' expectations and what your child will be learning this term. During this session you will be given a class newsletter containing information that you will find useful and important documents that need your approval/signature.

EID Mubarak

As you all know, from this September the school has agreed not to close the school for any religious festival. However, members of our school community will be celebrating Eid-ul-Adha on Monday 11th September. As a result, the school will authorise a 1 day absence for all of our children whose families celebrate Eid on this date. Unfortunately, it will show on your child's records as an absence, but when calculating 100% attendance at the end of the term, this absence will not be taken into consideration. I do wish all of you an enjoyable day and look forward to hearing about your celebrations when you return on Tuesday.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see all our children arriving at school looking so smart at the beginning of the year and would like to thank you all for your support with this; it really does make a difference in as much as it creates a sense of belonging. Today, members of the leadership team walked around the school to check on children's uniform. Any children wearing incorrect uniform will be given a letter detailing the changes to be made. Please do not hesitate to contact the member of the team should you wish to discuss this further. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school and it stays in school for the whole half term. Most items of uniform can now be purchased online at www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk.

Safe Collection of Children

Today you will receive a letter regarding the safe collection of your children. Please complete this form with details of the names of adults who will normally collect your children from school and include a password to share with them. In order to keep our children safe, any adult collecting your child/ren will be required to know the password before your child/ren are allowed to leave their classroom. Children in Years 5 & 6 will also have the option to walk home by themselves. Forms must be returned by Friday 9th September.

Newsletters

A reminder that newsletters are sent out to all parents/carers every Friday. These are also displayed at the three entrances to the school and on the school website. If you do not receive a weekly newsletter, please let your child's class teacher know. The next newsletter will be sent on Friday 16th September 2016.

Following on from the parent/carers questionnaire undertaken by the Governors in the summer term, you will be receiving a half termly newsletter from your child's class teacher. The first one will be an informative newsletter being given out at the parent/carers information sessions on Thursday. The next one will be after the half term break sharing the work and learning the children have completed this half term.