



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Reminders for Parents July 2022

Dear Parents,

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to send you a few helpful hints for the first few days in September so that the children settle quickly at the junior school.

### Dropping off your child in the morning

Year 3 classrooms are the first ones that you come to as you walk around to the back of the school past the office. Staff will be on duty to welcome the children into school. The doors will be open from 8.40 in the morning until 08:50. These doors are then shut and the children have to enter via the school office. Registers are taken at 8.50am, any children arriving after that time will be recorded as late. You are welcome to bring your child to their classroom for the first few weeks but after that we kindly ask that they walk in from the playground by themselves.

### Parking

Pupils may not be dropped off or collected from the school site by car except by arrangement with the school. Disabled site parking permits can be applied for from the school office. For the children's safety and security reasons the main gates are kept closed at peak times. The pedestrian gates on Red Barn Lane and Winnington Close are closed and locked between 9.30am and 2.50pm. Please park safely and considerately if parking in the local streets.

### Mid morning sacks

The children are allowed to bring in their own fruit or vegetables to eat for the mid-morning break. Water is available at break and over the course of the day. HC3S, who prepare our school dinners, run a tuck shop in the hall. There are a range of items, such as fruit, bread rolls and milkshakes, available to buy for a maximum of 40p each. Children are asked to bring in their money in a named purse or wallet and they need to agree a place to keep this safe in the classroom.

### School dinners

Hot meals are cooked in the kitchens of Orchard Lea Infant School. Year 3 children must pay for school dinners unless they meet the Government criteria for free school meals, e.g. income support. Payment for the week's meals should be made on a Monday this can be done using the online system 'Tucasi' which can be accessed via the website. Dinners cost £2.60. Instead of a hot school dinner, children can bring a packed lunch. If your child would like a hot dinner, please send in cash until you receive your Tucasi access code as they are different from the infant school.

### Equipment

All children will be provided with the necessary stationery equipment for the school day. Children only need a water bottle and a snack for break time. The children will choose a reading book from the school library in the first week or two. A pencil case is NOT required. Children can bring in a navy blue drawstring bag to carry their water bottle, snack, lunchbox and book. Inhalers need to be brought in on the first day of school. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS THAT CHILDREN BRING IN FROM HOME ARE CLEARLY NAMED.

#### Picking up your child at the end of the day

At the end of the day, the children will leave at 3.15pm. They will leave via their classroom door. Please arrange with your child a precise meeting point on one of the playgrounds away from the building. The teachers accompany the children around to the front of the school to the playground. If your child is unable to find you, they MUST wait with their teacher and not go home on their own or with someone else.

#### Home-school support

Mrs Pink, our Parent Support Advisor, is available from 8.30am every morning should you wish to contact her regarding home-school issues in September. Her contact number is 07719412231.

#### Diary dates

Please see a list of diary dates below. A weekly newsletter is sent out with news, information and important dates. We also send out a year group newsletter at the start of each term with more specific information about the curriculum and events for each year group.

#### **Calendar Dates**

21/07/22	Summer Holidays start
01/09/22	INSET Day
02/09/22	INSET Day
03/09/22	First day back in school for the children

There is useful information on the school website, including on the Year 2 transition page, and in our Parent Handbook. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us using the transition email address [Year2Transition2022@ojs1.co.uk](mailto:Year2Transition2022@ojs1.co.uk) or contact the school office.

We wish all of our families a fun and restful summer and we look forward to welcoming all of the pupils into school in September.

Kind regards,

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