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Dear Parents,

The staff team and I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday. Please see below some useful information about the start of term. There are also separate letters to read regarding attendance expectations this year and also with regard to some additional staffing arrangements during the times I am fulfilling the temporary Executive Head role at Miserden School. In the first week of term you will also receive a housekeeping letter from your class teachers who will outline the class schedules and how reading books will be changed and so on.

School day timings

Children may be dropped at school from 8.30 straight into classrooms where teachers will welcome them and the register will return to being taken at 8.50 a.m promptly. There is an expectation that all children arrive on time for school. Please see the separate letter regarding attendance. Pick up time for all children remains 3.15 p.m, unless your child is staying for one of our after school clubs, which run to 4.15 p.m.

Meeting with teachers

As usual teachers will be available at the end of the school day should you need a quick chat about anything. Sometimes they can pop out in the morning too if you need to pass anything on first thing, or to help settle your child at the point of transition. Alternatively, speak with Mrs Powell and she will pass any urgent messages on for you. As usual, parents are unable to come into the school buildings at morning drop off, unless for a pre-arranged meeting but teachers will always make themselves available to come to you if they are free and have another staff member to look after the children in class. If your child is anxious for any reason about coming into the building, just let someone know and we will come to you to help.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is available in the conservatory from 8.00 a.m every day of the week, starting on the first day of term. If you would like to book a place at breakfast club for one or more days then please contact Mrs Powell. The cost for Breakfast club is £2.00 per day. Mrs Powell will invoice you through Parent Pay. Children can attend breakfast club on a regular or an occasional basis, and if you need a place in a hurry and don't have time to contact Mrs Powell then by all means bring them in. This term Breakfast club will be run by Mr Dangerfield.

After school clubs

After school clubs will begin on Monday 12th September and will then run every day until 4.15 p.m. There will also be a stay and play after school club on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th September for those that need it. The planned clubs are listed below, places must be booked with Mrs Powell and we do have a numbers





limit on each club. All clubs other than sewing with Ali Heath are free of charge. Please pick up your children promptly at 4.15 p.m.

- Monday- Crafty club (activities will vary during the term)- Mrs George and Mrs Curzon
Sewing club with Ali Heath -for year 3 upwards for new starters (£7.00 per week)
- Tuesday - Sports club at school - open to all - Atlas Sports and Mr Dangerfield
Drama Club - Year 3 upwards -Mr Gardner
- Wednesday - Spirograph and Stencil club -Miss Bannister
Photography Club- Year 4 upwards -Catherine Harder
Intermediate Sewing with Ali Heath - open to those who have previously been in this club (£7.00 per week)
- Thursday - Lego and construction club - Mr Dangerfield and Miss Bannister
(Staff meeting after school so club places are limited)
- Friday - Board Games- Miss Fay and Mr Crocker
Year 5 and 6 Mad Hatter's book club - Mr Ringer - we would love as many year 5 and 6 pupils to join this club as possible as we are longstanding members of the Reading Teachers: Reading Pupils county wide group which is part of Cheltenham Literature Festival.

We would like to extend our range of clubs over the coming year to include: Judo or a martial art, Coding, Dance, STEM/Science and Gardening. If you would like to help staff to run a club on a weekly basis or have expertise in an area, then please let us know.

Morning Run

Last year our morning running club proved very popular and we would like to continue that this year. Morning run will take place on Thursday mornings at 9.00 a.m. Children who go running will miss assembly on this day. Mr Ringer will continue to lead this club. If you are able and willing to be (or continue to be if you helped last year) a parent running helper then please let us know. This club is for year 3 upwards in the first instance. Once we have parent helpers in place we will let you know the start date for this club.

Forest School

Mr Gardner is our qualified Forest School Leader following the retirement of Mrs Lane and Forest School will continue fortnightly for all children on Thursdays, starting in week 2 of the new term with Merlin Class. As last year, Eagle and Kestrel classes will go together. Children in Year 1 upwards will need a packed lunch in a bag they can carry on their Forest School days as we will be walking up to Ebworth before lunch and eating lunch on arrival. Little Lambs and Reception will have their Forest School sessions fortnightly on Thursdays, but closer to home and will go up to the main site later in the year. The first session for Little Lambs and Reception is also in week 2.

Children will be able to order a packed lunch from school on their Forest School day or to bring a packed lunch from home. If you would like to be one of our parent helpers at Forest School then please let us know. There are some days when we have needed to alter the Forest School day, please keep an eye on the diary dates in the newsletter. Many thanks.





PE on a Tuesday

Children may come dressed in their PE kits every Tuesday instead of school uniform. On Fridays children will just need their trainers and can wear school uniform. Eagle and Kestrel Classes : PE will remain on a Tuesday morning and will be based at school or the cricket pitch in the early weeks of term, while we continue to seek transport from Painswick Rugby club. Both classes will also have a short PE session on a Friday afternoon at school. Merlin Year 1 and 2, Reception and Little Lambs : PE will remain on a Tuesday afternoon at school or at the cricket pitch. Children will also have a short session on a Friday afternoon.

Theme plans

Our whole school theme for the Autumn Term is 'How the Land Lies'. Staff have been busy planning already and will let you know at the start of term how they will cover curriculum with this theme title in each class. In addition, we have also secured tickets for all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 to attend the Cheltenham Literature Festival later in the term. We will publish the rest of our plans as soon as you return to school. We also have our usual Pantomime trip booked in December to the Roses Theatre.

Parents' evenings

We will hold our usual parents' evenings in mid-September so you can meet with teachers and see how your child has settled in to their new year group. More information will follow shortly. Governors and I will also be available to talk with parents informally on these days and to answer any questions you have.

Celebration assemblies

Celebration assemblies will continue every Friday morning, starting on the first week of term at 9.00 in Eagle classroom. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. Children should come into school as usual and once settled in assembly we will invite you in. At the first assembly the Reception children will receive their special 'Welcome to School' Sheepscombe teddy bear.

Reception children phased entry

For new Reception children please see your information pack for further details that you will have received at the transition meeting. Please let us know if you haven't got one. As a reminder, children can start full time or part time during this transition period - more details are in your booklet.

There will be much more information to share in the coming weeks, but hopefully this letter will answer some of the questions you may have ahead of the start of term. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Vicky Dangerfield and the staff team

