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Dear Parents / Carers,

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

We have reached the end of the first week of the Autumn Term and the children have settled back into school really well. They have been getting used to some new routines and have particularly enjoyed having break and lunch times together as a whole-school again.

We also welcomed our new Reception children this week who have done a fantastic job of getting used to being at school and were full of smiles throughout their first few days. I look forward to bringing you more updates on how they are getting on over the coming weeks.

Stars of the Week – SHINE

‘Well done’ to our first Stars of the Week this week who have all been recognised for their efforts in displaying our ‘SHINE’ expectations which I shared last week. Well done Harrison, Phoebe, Lucas, Ffion and Sophie! This will continue to be the focus for next week.

Year Ahead Meetings

Our annual ‘Year Ahead’ meetings are taking place next week. These may look slightly different from in previous years, you will receive some written general information from myself on arrival and then class teachers will provide you with specific information about the organisation and nuances for their specific class. For Reception parents this will include a slightly extended session which will include phonics information, for all other classes there will be two time slots for the meetings 3.30-4.00pm and 4.00-4.30pm to enable parents with more than one child to visit both classes. Days and timings for these meetings are below.

Acorn – Wednesday 18th

Ash – Thursday 19th - 3.30pm *(There will only be a 3.30-4pm session, please be aware if visiting multiple classes)*

Birch – Thursday 19th

Hazel – Wednesday 18th

Yew – Thursday 19th

Oak – Thursday 19th

Naming Uniform

As we start a new year, many of the children have new items of clothing including coats, and as the weather gets colder, hats and scarves too. Please ensure that all of your child’s clothing items and bags/lunchboxes are clearly labelled with their full name.

Bikes, Scooters and Helmets

Please ensure that if your child travels to or from school on either their bike or their scooter that they are wearing a helmet. This is to ensure their safety and we ask that you help in making sure they have a suitable helmet to wear.

School Photos – Monday 23rd September

Just a reminder that individual and sibling photos will take place on Monday 23rd September.

Free School Meals

I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you information regarding Free School Meals, if you think you could be entitled to Free School Meals follow the link below to register.

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018)

https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_Education_Welfare_Benefits

I looked forward to seeing many of you this week at Year Ahead meetings. Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Alex Housden

Be brave, be kind, be the best you can be!



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