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Happy New Year!

UNIFORM

Our uniform is very important to us and wearing correct uniform is one of our school rules. **Lately however, we have noticed a number of pupils wearing incorrect uniform** and would therefore like to remind all parents of the following:

- **Ties** are **compulsory** in year 5/6
- **Plain black shoes** are **compulsory** for all pupils – no grey / navy / brown boots / trainers
- **Haircuts must be plain** – no stripes / zig zags etc or fashion hairstyles please.
- **Trainers** may only be worn with PE kit on PE day. Trainers for other reasons must be brought in a carrier bag to school.

Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is improving, thank you for your help with this. Please keep all appointments out of school time as this makes a big difference. Thankyou.

TERM DATES

Holiday dates for 2020-21 are now available from the office to help you ensure any holidays you may plan to take are taken during school holiday periods.

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and that your children had a good rest and are ready for another busy term ahead. Teachers have been busy planning some really exciting and interesting themes for them to enjoy with lots of quality learning to take place.

The Spring term is always a positive one – lighter nights, signs of new life and warmer weather help us all to feel positive. There are lots of exciting trips and activities ahead of us, including our new Ambleside Residential for years 3 and 4 in March which promises to be great fun for all who can go.

The Spring term can also be one with changeable weather and so we would like to remind all families to ensure children are appropriately dressed for school. Warm, waterproof coats with hoods are essential and scarves, hats and gloves are also a good idea. Please ensure these all have names in. Please also ensure your child has warm, waterproof shoes as we do like to spend as much time as possible outdoors; wellies are best for Outdoor Learning days where possible.

May we also remind you that it is essential we have at least 2 correct mobile contact numbers on record for you and that these must be numbers which are answered. This is extremely important in the event of a medical emergency – we must be able to get in touch with a responsible adult at any time of the day. If you do not receive texts from school then we do not have a current mobile phone number for you. Please call into the office or send in a note with your up to date numbers, thank you.

With very best wishes for the New Year ahead,

Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

We had a great turnout to our policy parents forum last week and discussed lots about the new statutory Government Relationships policy. We were able to share accurate clear messages about what will and won't be covered in these lessons from September 2020. We have spoken with many parents since as well and appreciate the feedback we have been given. We will be planning more forums in the coming months as we start to put together the resources and curriculum we will be teaching and will of course keep you informed of our progress. In the meantime, we would urge you to speak to school if you have any concerns or queries and we will do our best to help you.

REMINDER - SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

Please can we remind you that our school meals company notified us of a price increase from 1st January 2020. Prices per day are therefore as follows: Nursery £1.70, Primary £1.90, Adult £3.10.

WEBSITE

We have been busy working alongside our new tech team to update our new website so that you can find out information about how our school works. If you cannot find what you are looking for on there however, please don't hesitate to call in to the office for further information.

PACKED LUNCHES

Following a recent check of packed lunches, we need to remind all parents that the following items are NOT permitted in school lunches:

- Fizzy / sugary / energy drinks
 - Cold takeaway food
 - Sharing / large size packs of crisps/biscuits
- Packed lunches should contain the following:
- Sandwiches
 - Fruit
 - Water
 - Dessert (small biscuit / yoghurt etc..)

A healthy diet means children learn better and is essential for growth. Please ensure your child's lunch is suitable for school, thank you.

SCHOOL ACCESS

Please may we remind all parents / carers of our neighbour's requests to not park cars outside their houses and also to not block the access to the school at drop off / collection times. If you use taxis to/from school, please remind them not to drop off by the school gates, thank you.

READING

We hope your child was able to do lots of reading in the holidays and maybe visit the library as well. We are passionate about ensuring all our pupils read every day and appreciate your support with this. Just 5-10 minutes can make a huge difference so do please try to make time to share stories and books at home.