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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year, as you will see from the list of dates it is going to be a busy one particularly in the second half of term.

This week we welcome a new member of staff, Mrs Herd, who will be supporting the children in Years 1 and 2 with their learning. She will also be running a Be Active, Be Healthy Lunchtime Club which will give the children even more choice in their lunchtime play; this will begin next week.

### **Thank you to McDonalds**

Over the holidays the school was a hive of industry as a group of busy bees set about painting the Maple classroom and cloakroom. A very big thank you to group of volunteers from the McDonalds restaurants who gave up their time to make the rooms look so clean and fresh, they did a really professional job!

### **Start of the school day**

As the weather becomes warmer I appreciate that children when they arrive at school wish to run off and play with their friends until the bell rings, however I remind you that it is your responsibility to supervise your child before the bell rings; we ask you to ensure that your child stands by you until they line up to go into school so that you can supervise them properly. This also applies at home time when we ask you to take your child straight home once they leave their classroom and not allow them to play around on the trim trail or in the playground.

These details are written in Appendix 2 of the School Behaviour Policy which can be accessed on the school website. This policy also asks that if parents have any concerns regarding the behaviour of their child or another child they should speak to the classteacher or headteacher and not directly to the child's parent; please let the school handle any concerns.

If you have a quick message to give to your child's class teacher please do so between 8.45 and 8.50am (the back playground door will be left on the latch for you to be able to come in.) Alternatively you can see the teacher at the end of the school day when the class has been dismissed or, for concerns that will take a longer time please email or phone the school to make an appointment. Please remember that once the bell rings in the morning teachers will be involved in taking care of your children and getting them ready to start their learning.

### **Phil the Bag**

Our annual Phil the Bag collection of textiles will be in May so please start collecting your unwanted clothes, shoes and fabrics, like bedclothes (not duvets or pillows) and curtains. Please bring in any bags you have filled on 9<sup>th</sup> May ready for the van to collect the next day. Let's see how much money we can raise for the school this year from unwanted materials; remember REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

### **Sports' Day**

Please note that our Sports' Day will be earlier in the term than usual since June and July are already very busy. Please put the afternoon of **24<sup>th</sup> May** in your diary so that you can come and join us. Fingers crossed for sunshine but if the weather is inclement we will reschedule for the early part of the next half term.



### After School Clubs

This term there will be two craft based after school clubs; Mrs Surgett will run a sewing club and Mrs Carter will run an Art club which focuses on the technique of batik. Places at these clubs will be limited to 6 because of the nature of the crafts involved. These clubs will commence in May and details will follow.

### Warm weather reminders

As always, a reminder that now the weather is getting warmer your child should have a named water bottle at school so they can have drinks during the day in their classrooms. Please ensure jumpers and cardigans are **named** to make it easier for the children to locate their own jumper when they take them off.

If you feel your child needs to use sun cream please apply it before they come to school so they are protected for the day.

Children should not wear sunglasses unless they are ones prescribed by the optician.

Children will also need a jacket in school for those sudden, unexpected rain showers.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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