



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the new children and parents joining our school for the first time this year. We are looking forward to another successful year together, and we have planned many key events. You will find a year's diary dates with this letter providing the most significant dates for the year ahead. There will of course be additions to this as we go along.

Staff News

Unfortunately Mrs Lloyd was taken ill during the summer holidays. She will be on long term sick leave for the Autumn Term. I know that you will join with us in wishing Mrs Lloyd a speedy recovery. Mrs Sherwood has kindly agreed to cover much of Mrs Lloyd's teaching; she will therefore cover the Y2 literacy group and Numeracy groups. I will then teach the Y3 literacy group, in this way we can aim to provide continuity for the children.

Throughout the Autumn Term I will organise and co-ordinate Special Needs within school. If at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or your child's class teacher.

Values

As part of our strong commitment to Values Education we focus on one value each month. This becomes the theme for assemblies and is also addressed through PSHE lessons. During the time we have been working in this way our children have developed a greater understanding and empathy towards each other. Our value for September is Friendship.

Lunchtime

We have reviewed our lunchtime provision and from this term we will be instigating the following format.

12 – 1pm	Foundations Stage Y1 & Y2
12.30 – 1.30pm	Y3 & Y4

This new organisation will enable us to provide a greater staff pupil ratio, and also allows children more space for play, and greater access to the playground zoning activities. We trust that all our children will experience a happy and productive lunchtime period.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term is £62.40 (39 days), weekly £8, Fridays £12.80 (8 weeks). Please make cheques payable to Eden Foodservice with guarantee card number on the back of the cheque along with expiry date and address (Eden Foodservice policy) Many thanks

Fruit in School

All children in Foundation Stage, Y1 & Y2 are offered a free piece of fruit at playtime each day. If you do not wish your child to participate in the scheme, or if they have any allergies please contact the class teacher and/or the school office.

PE Kit

Please could all children have a named PE Kit in school between Monday and Friday. Although children have PE on certain days each week, there are occasions when additional opportunities for PE arise.

The school gates open at 8.40am and parents are welcome to bring their children into class, and settle them if they wish. We would ask that parents leave by 9am as we need a prompt start to the school day.

If at any time you have a concern regarding your child please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Birch

