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Friday Note  
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## Dear Parents

### Collection Arrangements

Just a reminder again of the current collection times for your children.

There are still many adults arriving too early which results in excess adults on the playground. You are allowed to socially distance on the large playground if you are early before entering the one way system at your correct time slot.

**Please remember if you are picking up multiple children, you MUST collect at the later time.** i.e. if you have a child in Year 1 and a child in Year 5, drop them both off at 8.30 and collect at 2.50. If you are too early you will be asked to wait on the larger playground. Please remember there should only be one adult collecting/dropping off at a time.

Year 5 and 6 – 8.30

Year 3 and 4 – 8.40

Reception, Year 1 and 2 – 8.50

Reception, Year 1 and 2 – 2.30

Year 3 – 2.40

Year 4 – 2.45

Year 5 – 2.50

Year 6 – 3.00

Whilst waiting for your child it is essential that you maintain your safe space from other adults and the 'Rule of 6' also applies in school.

Please remember that there is also a strongly advised route into and away from school which has again been posted onto our Weduc Newsfeed.

### World Mental Health Day- #helloyellow

We are proud to be supporting World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October by taking part in the YoungMinds #helloyellow campaign. We are inviting all children and staff to wear something yellow to show our awareness of mental health.

Whether it's a scarf, hat or your favourite bow tie, dig out your best yellow clothes and wear them with pride on 9th October. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to YoungMinds but this will not be compulsory.

### Bikeability

Year 5 have all been sent home with Bikeability letters today. This is a council run scheme to provide children with level 1 and level 2 cycle training. The cost of the two day course is £15 (no charge for children in receipt of free school meals). Children will need to bring their own bike to school or may hire a bike for £3.

Most of our Year 6 were trained last year but if you didn't you will be able to join in with this training. Those that have expressed an interest have been given a letter.

### Curriculum meetings

Unfortunately, our usual Curriculum meetings will be unable to take place in school this



September. These meetings were designed to take parents/carers through expectations for the new year group and cover administration issues for your classes (PE, reading book etc).

Class teachers are now instead putting together a Powerpoint presentation that will be shared with you on Weduc by September 21st. This should clarify any questions that you may still have.

We appreciate that face to face communication with your child's class teacher is more challenging so would continue to encourage you to use Weduc as your main method of communication.



### Sleep Support

• Humans are creatures of habit. A consistent bedtime routine lets your child's body and mind know it's time to settle down and

prepare for sleep.

- Physical activity is proven to help people of all ages fall asleep faster and stay asleep. Most children need at least one hour per day.
- Feeling scared or worried is a common reason kids can't sleep. If your child likes the gory, spooky stuff, save it for daytime!
- Calming scents like lavender can have mild sedative effects.
- Start dimming indoor lights as bedtime approaches, and keep your child's bedroom as dark as possible. This promotes healthy levels of melatonin and supports your child's natural biological clock.

We hope to hear of some great dreamy stories!

### Reading

We have made some changes to how reading books will work this year. Please ensure you have read the letter shared on Weduc earlier today. Any questions please just ask.

### Help your child with home reading

Help your child with home reading Please can you make sure that you hear your child read their school reading book 5 days each week. This needs to be recorded in their reading record book. At KS1 we ask parents and carers to fill out the comments, whereas in KS2, the children should be recording what they have read and writing a comment. Both reading books and reading record books need to be in school EVERY DAY!

### Dinners

Dinners **MUST** be ordered by Thursday every week for the following week on ParentPay.

If nothing is ordered and your child is expecting a meal we will no longer be able to provide one and you will have to bring a packed lunch up for them straight away.

As you know we have changed catering providers and we have to follow their strict guidelines with regards to ordering. We are now a hub kitchen for 6 other school and cooking over 800 meals a day so we would really appreciate your support with this.

Any problems at all with parent pay, please just call.

### Diary Dates

#### September

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> -

Thurs 1st

Remote Parents Evenings

#### October

Tues 6

Weds 7

Weds 21

Pupils Individual Photos

Pupils Individual Photos

Pupils break up for Half Term

Thurs 22nd – Fri 30th Half Term

#### November

Mon 2

Tues 3

Weds 11

Thurs 12

Inset Day

Start of Term 2

Book Fayre in school

Bedtime Stories

#### December

Fri 18

Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

#### January

Mon 4

Tues 5

Weds 6

Inset Day

Inset Day

Start of Term 3



#### February

Fri 12

Mon 22

Pupils break up for Half Term

Start of Term 4

#### March

Fri 5

Mon 8

Reports out

Parents Evening

#### April

Thurs 1

Mon 19

Pupils break up for Easter holidays

Start of Term 5

#### May

Mon 3

Wed 5 – Fri 7

Mon 10 – Fri 14 SATs

Mon 17 – Fri 21 Year 6 Camp

Fri 28

Bank Holiday

Year 4 Camp

Pupils break up for Half Term

#### June

Mon 7

Thurs 24

Fri 25

Start of Term 6

Sports Day Yrs 1-6

Sports Day for Reception

#### July

Mon 12 – Fri 16 Fantastic Futures

Fri 23 Pupils finish school for Summer holidays