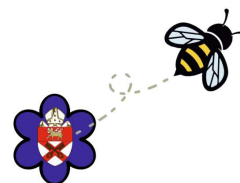




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Welcome back!

It's been a fantastic first week back for everyone – lots of beaming smiles and shiny new shoes flooded onto the playground this morning, and everyone seems to have come back much taller! The rain held off for most playtimes so we were able to catch up with friends and today we have been blessed with the sunshine. Another newsletter will follow later in the half term, but here are a few headlines for now.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs have got off to a flying start already. As you will know, we have tweaked our provision in response to the summer term parent survey.

	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Monday	7.30 – 8.30	3.15 – 5 Mrs Clarkson, 5 – 5.30 Mrs Smart
Tuesday	7.30 – 8.30	3.15 – 5 Mrs Clarkson, 5 – 5.30 Mrs Smart
Wednesday	7.30 – 8.30	3.15 – 5.30 Multisports Bring PE kit to change into
Thursday	7.30 – 8.30	3.15 – 5 Mrs Clarkson
Friday	7.30 – 8.30	No after school club

You can collect at any point during the club to suit you. Bookings are via ParentPay. Most children bring a snack with them, and school fruit is always available. Mrs Clarkson's clubs change termly to suit the interests of the children, eg Ecoclub, Super Scientists, Cookery, Arts and Crafts, STEM. We have extended our provision on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for this term and will review the take up of the later finish in December.



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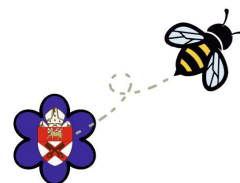




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Staffing

Here is an overview of classes across school, as it can be a bit confusing at the start of a new school year, especially if you are new to the school. All new parents should have received their Class Dojo login by now – if you haven't yet, please check your email junk folder as it can hide in there. Please let the office know if you still can't find it and we can resend.

Wrens	EYFS/Y1	Miss Green (Mrs Davison on maternity leave)
Swifts	Y1/Y2	Miss Metcalf
Robins	Y3	Mrs Tennant and Miss Ruddick
Kites	Y4	Mrs Bullock and Mrs Field
Hawks	Y5/Y6	Mr Easton
All classes are supported by our incredible team of HLTAS and teaching assistants: Mrs Bartram, Miss Graham, Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Whitwam		

As you may already be aware, Miss King left over the summer holidays after four years supporting learners in our school and we are very sad to see her go, but wish her all the best in her new ventures! We are currently recruiting for a new member of our support staff and will be back up to full strength soon. And speaking of new staff, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Field, who is now teaching Year 4 (Kites class) with Mrs Bullock.

Safeguarding

Our school website is a good place to start for safeguarding information, particularly about how to keep your child safe online, and is regularly updated. Our playground is open and staffed from 8.30 every morning, but there are a few parents who are dropping their children off before 8.30 and leaving them unattended at the front of school. Breakfast Club is open for anyone wishing to drop off early, we are not able to supervise unattended children outside school – please make sure you stay with your child until the member of staff opens the gate.

Forest Schools

Mrs Bullock has taken over Forest Schools and is doing a cracking job – just a reminder that we have changed the day to Wednesday from now on. Robins class have Forest Schools this half term and will need to come to school in warm and waterproof clothing every Wednesday. Class teachers, or Mrs Bullock herself, will be delighted to help if you have any further questions.



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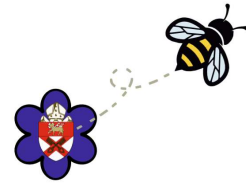




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Attendance

As you know, attendance is high up on the DfE and school agenda. Our school's attendance is generally above national but we did have an increase in holiday requests last year. We are no longer able to authorise holidays in term time and follow Local Authority procedures on issuing fines. We realise the price differential in holiday costs, but must follow national policy. A copy of our attendance policy is available on the website and from the school office, and I'm always around for a chat if you are unsure of anything.

Wellies and overs

It was great to see so many children come back to school this week with their clearly named bags for life, containing their clearly named wellies and overs – it means they can play on the field in wet weather, and generally have a lot more fun! Please remember to send your child's in, with their name writ large, as they do go missing sometimes. Teachers spend a lot of time reminding the children about hanging their clothes up, putting them back in their bags etc and if everything is named then it does help. There is a lost property area in the hall which is a treasure trove of bits and pieces.

Parking

We have been approached by members of the village about dangerous parking at drop off and collection. I realise that space is limited, but we work hard as a school to develop our relationships in the community and would really appreciate your cooperation going forwards with considerate parking.

FOBS fundraising

We are so lucky to have our FOBS group – and they are always looking for new members! A programme of events will be coming out shortly but in the meantime, I'd like to share a huge thank you from staff and children for all their hard work. For example, a hard core of early risers attended the car boot sale at Bedale (on the first day of the holidays no less, there's commitment!), and raised over £1500 for school! FOBS contributions have subsidised trips, coach travel, learning resources, a pantomime, PE and sports kit... the list goes on and on, and benefits everyone in our school community. Thank you to everyone who has donated, be it time, ideas, baking, money... we really, really appreciate it!

Dates

Look out for a dates list coming to you next week.



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