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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic summer. It has been wonderful to see the children and to hear all their news. We've had a lovely couple of days. We welcome all our new children and their families to our school. We have a number of allergies in school, including egg, nuts and sesame seeds, so need everyone please to avoid nuts and sesame seeds in packed lunch boxes to help us to keep everyone safe.

### PE Kit

Please could all children have their PE bag in school by Monday. Children without kit disrupt lessons and reduce the PE lessons of other children in school. Children need a plain white T-shirt and black shorts for indoor PE and a pair of jogging pants\tracksuit bottoms, a fleece and a pair of trainers for outdoor PE. These need to be kept at school in a drawstring bag for each half term. We send them home for a wash each holiday. If you need any support in getting PE kit for your child please get in touch and we will help to provide this for you. ALL PE kit needs to be named so it doesn't get mixed up. If you want to borrow a Sharpie marker pen please ask. If we find unnamed kit we may write your child's name on the label in the clothing with a permanent marker. If you have any kit your child has grown out of we would be pleased to include it in our spare kit or our pre-loved uniform.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Clubs are running as last year for the moment:

We are very aware of the rising cost of living so are keeping prices the same as last year to help you as much as possible. However, we wouldn't want any children to miss out on our clubs, so if cost would prevent your child attending we will support you by removing charges. Just get in touch with me confidentially to sort this out.

Monday ~ Transition club ~ Year 6 (free)      Cycling club ~ Year Nursery to 5 (must be able to ride a bike)

Tuesday ~ Drawing club ~ Year Nursery to 6

Wednesday ~ Netball club ~ Year 3 to 6 (free)      Craft club ~ Year Nursery to 6

Thursday ~ Healthy living club ~ Nursery to Year 6

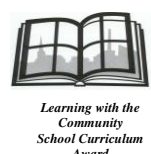
Friday ~ Football club ~ Year 4, 5 and 6 (free)      Games club ~ Year Nursery to 6

These clubs run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and, unless stated as free, cost £2 (if you have three or more children we will only charge for two).

Wrap around is also available from 4.30pm to 5pm at an additional cost of £2.

Breakfast club continues as normal from 8am to 8.30am with breakfast included. Nursery children need to be booked in advance for breakfast and after school club please.

This letter is also available on the website



### Dates for your diary

I will be holding a meeting for Year Reception parents at 2.45pm on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, where I will explain how you can help your child with phonics and reading, writing, maths and child-initiated independent learning (planning). Younger brothers and sisters are welcome to come along. The meeting will end at 3.30pm.

### Our First Visit this Year!

On Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> we are going on a whole school outdoor and adventurous visit to Whinlatter. We will travel by coach after registration and return for the end of the school day. We will take fruit and our water bottles and Anne will make packed lunch for all children who have dinner and book for this day. If your child is taking a packed lunch from home they will not need a drink. We will be the first school to use the new Whinlatter Go Ape course for younger children, as they have just introduced packages for schools. Children aged 6 and over who are over 1 metre tall can use this equipment. We will go in groups of 8 with a member of our staff accompanying each group. Younger children will use the excellent play areas and explore the forest and trees. We will be using our PE and School Sport Premium Fund to pay for Go Ape. Our brilliant PTFA are paying for the cost of the coach. It's such an exciting visit! Following our fantastic walk to Ainstable last year, we are planning another whole school walk again before half term.

### Year 6 Visit to Caldew

On Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> our Year 6 will visit Caldew School to replace the postponed visit in the summer term (due to infection rates rising at Caldew). They will leave school at 10am returning at 2.30pm. lunch will be provided by Caldew School. Mrs Wylie will accompany the children on this visit.

### Sharing

Sharing begins for children in Years Nursery, Reception, 1 and 2 from next Monday. Children can share news and bring items in to talk about (a favourite book or toy, something they found on a walk, a photo etc.) They love to do this and it is really good for their speaking and listening skills as well as drawing and writing. We keep sharing items safe in a sharing box before and after sharing. Please don't send anything precious into school.

### Library Books

Please support your child to read their library books at home. This will help them to develop a life long love of reading which is so beneficial for wellbeing as well as learning. Please could you rummage around and search out summer holiday library books so they can be returned and exchanged. If you are not sure which book your child has borrowed ask Miss Armstrong and she will let you know as all books are signed out to individual children.

### Queen Elizabeth

We were sad to hear the news about the Queen and will make time for children who want, to talk about it.

Well, that is enough reading for you for one day! Have a lovely weekend and we will send you more information out next week.

Yours sincerely,

Head teacher

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