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Welcome back to the new school year. This week we have had lots of new families join our school, so a special welcome to all of you. In addition, we have had a new teacher, Haley, join us and we would also like to welcome her.

We have just received the good news that we have won Gold Medal awards from the London Children's Flower Society for both the summer garden and the seed growing competitions.

Last weekend some staff and parents ran a half marathon to raise funds towards the Y5 residential trip to Gorsefield. The grand total raised for Chisenhale from The Big Half was: £1811. So well done to all those fantastic runners.

This morning Y1 & Y2 parents had the opportunity to come and meet their children's new teachers and we had a great turn out. Parents of the children in all other year groups will be getting the opportunity to meet with their children's new teachers over the coming weeks. Please see the dates at the end of the Chatter.

Just a reminder that it is really important that children come to school on time. It can be very disruptive to the whole class when children arrive late. Y2 - Y6 have the opportunity to practise their reading from 8:45 until 9:00 so it would be great if your children could be at the school gate as soon as it opens at 8:45. The main Chisenhale Road gate closes at 8:55 and the EYFS gate closes at 9:00. If your child is bringing a bike or scooter to school then you need to arrive before the gates close. If you arrive after this time, you will be asked to take the bike or scooter home with you.

I would also just like to ask, if you are bringing a snack for your child at the end of the school day, that you do not give it to them until you have left the school grounds.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for the school.

Mairead McCarthy, Acting Headteacher

There are some items your child needs to bring to school **every day** and they should all be **CLEARLY NAMED** so that we can return them if they are mislaid:

- A water bottle
- A book bag or other bag for their reading book and other items
- A jacket or coat. The children go out to play if there is only a slight drizzle and also line up at the end of the day in the playground so they need a waterproof coat in case of bad weather.
- Children should wear their PE kit on the days when they have PE, except Year 6, who should bring their kit in with them on the relevant days.

We will be encouraging Active Travel next week – this means walking, scooting or cycling to school. There will be stickers! We want to discourage families travelling to school by car whenever possible unless you are travelling a considerable distance. This will help to reduce pollution around the school gates in the mornings and afternoons.

Please see the attached sheet for details of upcoming events at school.

In addition, on Friday 13th September at 9am there will be a meeting in the library for Year 6 parents about the secondary school application process. This is not the meet the teacher event, where we will also be talking about school journey – that will be on 4th October. This session is to answer any questions about applying for secondary schools and help guide you through the process. If you are not able to attend but have questions or would like some help please email Ruth on rcrossan.211@lgflmail.org

The other meet the teacher events in the library at 9am are:

20th September - Year 5, including details of the Gorsefield trip;

27th September – Years 3 and 4

4th October – Reception

4th October Year 6 (in the schoolhouse)

11th October – Nursery

The new menu is also attached to this email. Next week will be week 2.