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Newsletter – Autumn 1 (2)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please take a moment to read our second Newsletter of the Autumn Term. It contains important information regarding:

- Parents' Evening
- Payment for School Dinners and Educational Visits
- Eat Smart Sheffield Project
- Procedures for School closure during periods of bad weather
- Dates for your diary

Parents' Evening

If you have not already done so, please sign up for Parents' Evening as soon as possible. You can do this either by signing directly onto the list on your child's classroom door or by contacting the school office. They will be happy to arrange an appointment for you. Whilst the children have only been back at school a few weeks, this a really important time of year to ensure the foundations are secure for them to make excellent progress throughout the year. We'd also like the opportunity to let you know how proud we are of each and every one of them and share with you some of their many successes. If you have any concerns you would like to discuss with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the following people will also be available:

- Mrs Shepherd (Assistant Head – Foundation Stage Leader)
- Mrs Mather (Assistant Head – Acting KS1 Leader)
- Mr Reardon (Assistant Head – KS2 Leader)
- Mrs Oliver (Special Educational Needs Leader)
- Mrs Bister (Deputy Headteacher)

Of course, if you would like to meet with me, I will also be available! If you know you'd like an appointment to see one of the above, please let the office know and this can be arranged.

In addition, staff from Manor Library will be in school from 3.00pm – 5.30pm – if you haven't yet registered your child to use this wonderful facility – please take the opportunity to do so!

Payment for School Dinners and Educational Visits

Thank you to all of those parents and carers who have supported our move over to the ParentPay system. We hope this is supportive and makes things a little easier for you all. If you are still having problems with this system then please contact the office, they will be more than happy to help. **Our policy as a school is that meals should be paid for in advance.** May I also take this time to remind you that all meals for children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One are free? Meals in Key Stage Two must be paid for unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals. In order to confirm your eligibility, you must apply for this. In addition, may I remind you that Educational Visits can only run if enough payment is received from parents and carers. The governors already subsidise the cost of all visits for all children but on occasions we have been close to cancelling a trip due to lack of funds. Without your contributions, we may simply not be able to afford certain trips. **If you have any difficulties with payments then please contact us before this becomes an issue – we are here to help!!**



Eat Smart Sheffield Project

We are delighted to be part of the 'Eat Smart Sheffield' programme. This is a City – Wide project which aims:

- To give schools the tools they need to make long term changes to their food culture
- To give pupils and their families the confidence, skills and knowledge they need to cook, grow and enjoy good quality affordable food, as well as increasing understanding of food sources and sustainability

This is an opportunity for us to evaluate our approach to food across school with expert external advice. It will examine all aspects – how it's sourced, how it's cooked and how we eat it! In order to launch this initiative we are looking to form a School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG!) which we hope will include some parent or carers. If you would be interested, please contact school to let us know!

Plans for Bad Weather

In the event of a significant snowfall this winter, we will always endeavour to remain open. If we do take the decision that school must be closed we will always contact you via text message and any news will be posted on the school website. Local radio stations will also be informed of any updates. When school **is** open on snowy days, the gate on Woodthorpe Road will remain locked so access must be gained via alternative entrances (Chadwick Road and Woodrove Avenue). This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils, parents and carers. As you know – that path can become treacherous in the winter!! **Please can you make sure you keep us updated with new phone numbers so this system can work effectively?**

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 4 th Nov	School Re – opens after Half Term
Tuesday 5 th Nov	Green Team Meeting / Reading Champions Meeting / FS2 Library Visits
Wednesday 6 th Nov	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th Nov	School Nutrition Action Group Meeting
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
12 th & 11 th Dec	Foundation Stage Christmas performance
16 th , 17 th & 18 th Dec	KS1 & 2 Christmas Performances – (1.30pm)
Thursday 19 th Dec	Whole School visit to St Catherine's Church (9.00am – 11.00am)
Thursday 19 th Dec	Pantomime performance for the whole school
Friday 20 th Dec	School closes
Monday 6 th Jan	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th Jan	School re-opens

As always, if you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Thanks for your continuing support.



Dave Smith – Headteacher

