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## Newsletter January 2020

**Happy New Year to you all!**  
**We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break.**

As it's the time of year for New Year's Resolutions here are some reminders and requests:

### **Punctuality**

School starts at **8.45am** (FS1 start at 8.50am). All children should be in their classrooms by this time. Before the holiday several children were arriving late to the classroom; this is disruptive to their learning and that of others.  
NB afternoon Nursery starts at 12.00pm

**If getting to school on time is a problem please let us know so that we can support you.**

### **Health + Safety update**

For reasons of Health + Safety, all parents and children arriving before 8.35am should wait in the breakfast bar and **not** on the KS1 corridor. From 8.35am FS2 and Key Stage 1 children with parent/carer support can go into their classrooms. KS2 children can then wait on the playground or go straight to their classrooms.

### **Collection of children at home time**

School ends at **2.55pm** for children in FS2 & KS1 and **3.00pm** for children in FS1 & KS2. Due to a tightening of our safeguarding procedures, **all children in FS and KS1 must be collected from their classrooms**. In KS2 children may make their own way home or meet an adult at a pre-arranged point outside school. Unless there are special circumstances, **all children will leave school via their classroom door, not through main reception. If you are running late, it is essential that you contact school to notify us.**

### **Payment for Educational Visits and School Meals**

May I remind all parents and carers that whilst your contribution towards the cost of educational visits is voluntary, we are unable to offer these experiences without your help! The school already subsidises these visits for **all** children as we believe them to be a crucial factor in enhancing learning. On several occasions over recent months we have come close to cancelling visits due to lack of contributions. I hope to avoid a situation where we will need to take this decision, but without the necessary support, we will have little choice.

In addition, please remember that Dinner Money should be paid in advance. We are unable to offer credit so please ensure there is enough in your ParentPay account to cover your child's meals. If you have any queries or difficulties with any payments, please contact school immediately.



### Uniform / dress code

Reminder that school uniform consists of:

Dark blue sweatshirt with school badge  
Dark blue polo shirt with school badge  
Dark trousers/ skirt

In PE lessons, children are expected to wear the light blue 'Woodthorpe Sport' T – Shirt and black shorts

If you need to order new uniform please see Mrs Twelvetrees in Reception

### Jewellery

Only small studs for pierced ears should be worn. Please ensure earrings are removed on days that your child has swimming or PE.

### Contacts

Please make sure that the office is kept up to date with your latest contact details, these are vital in case of an emergency – this includes an up to date email address. **If you have recently changed your phone number please keep us informed.**

All key dates are on our **website** and you can also receive notifications from the **Woodthorpe App**. If you haven't yet downloaded it, please do so from the App Store!

### And Finally.....

May I take this opportunity to wish Mrs Perkins all the best. She will begin her maternity leave on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January and we all wish her the very best! In her absence her teaching commitments will be covered by the expert combination of Mr Reardon and Mrs McGrath.

Once again, may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and to remind you that if you have any questions, queries or issues to discuss then please don't hesitate to contact me at school.



Dave Smith - Headteacher

