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6th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers.

WELCOME BACK!

It is lovely to see all the children keen and eager for learning and I am sure many of you are pleased that they are back at school after what was a bit of a wet and windy summer.

Thank you to adjusting to our new start time of 8:30 am.

Pond Opening: The Dowling family have been working very hard over the last few months to transform our once overgrown and unloved pond area in memory of our lovely Warren. I am pleased to say that they will be having a grand opening on Monday 11th September from 3pm. A letter will be sent from PATCH with more details. Children are asked to wear something red on Monday the 11th September. It will be a non-uniform day.

New staff changes: We welcome Mrs White and Mrs Bartlett who are two of our new teaching assistants in year 6 and year 4 respectively. We also welcome Miss Warner to our year 3 teaching team. We have opened an additional class as the school numbers continue to rise.

Miss Witt is our additional cover teacher following the promotion of Mrs Doling Hernadez Sanchez to a new school. Mrs Dawson and Mrs Rogers will be joining our year 6 team as a job share following the promotion of Mr Bosnic to assistant head of a Portsmouth school. Mrs Weatherston, one of our year 5 teachers, is now on our senior leadership team replacing Mr Bosnic.

Following the retirement of our lovely Mrs Fountain, Ms Giles will be stepping into her role as finance assistant. She will be working across both schools in Mrs Glover's admin team. Mrs Eastman, in the office, will also be working in Mr Masseys class as a TA every afternoon.

INSET DAYS: These are our INSET DAYS for this year.

Monday 30th Oct (day after half term)
Friday 17th Nov - TRUST INSET 1
Tuesday 2nd Jan (day after Christmas)
Monday 15th April (day after Easter)
Wednesday 12th June
Monday 8th July TRUST INSET 2

Dogs on site: Dogs are not allowed on site. Buddy, our school dog, is risk assessed and insured to be on site.

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Breakfast Club: Breakfast club is back up and running. Please contact the office should you require a place. It costs £2 a session.

After School Tea Time Club: Currently, our Infant School offer a Tea Time Club that runs from 3:15pm to 5:30 pm. We are offering parents & carers the opportunity to sign up to this club for daily after school childcare in term time. The cost is £8 per after school session and can be used as and when which would include a light tea such as wrap, sandwich, fruit, yogurt etc. We would walk your child to our Infant School directly after school where you would pick your child up. All payments would be made to the Infant School. Please contact the **infant** school if interested.

PE: Children to continue to come to school in PE kits on their PE days.

Water Bottles: Please remember to send your children in with reusable named water bottles.

Curriculum Newsletters: This term's curriculum newsletters can be found on our website under ['curriculum'](#)

Teacher's Class Emails: You can contact your class teacher via our [class emails](#) under the parent's tab on the website. Please be patient if they do not reply to you on the same day as they often get a lot of emails and are in class for the day. A message can also be passed on through the office by telephone call but a chat at the door with the teacher or TA is always best when possible.

SCOPAY: You can pay things like school dinners, breakfast club and school trips via SCOPAY. If you need a login code again, please contact the office. You can still pay in cash in the office.

Bikes & scooters: Children may come to school on bikes and scooters should they wish. We cannot take responsibility for any missing bikes or scooters. PATCH have kindly donated some scooter racks which we hope to have installed in the next week. Thank you PATCH!

Crossing Patrol Vacancy: We have a crossing patrol [vacancy](#). Please look at our Facebook page for the link to PCC.

You can always find Mrs Cantini and myself at the school gates at the start and end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mr Rob Jones
Headteacher