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### Letter from the Head



Dear Parent and Carers,

If I have not already had the opportunity to welcome you back... Welcome back! It was lovely to see the children skipping into school on Tuesday morning. Monday morning had a very different feel to it, i.e. lots of thunder, loss of phone lines and Wi-Fi etc. So, Tuesday really felt like a ray of sunshine. I am incredibly proud of the youngest children who seemed incredibly calm and collected whist entering school, some for the very first time. In fact, some of us adults appeared to look a tad more 'shell shocked' returning after the summer break  $\square$ 

#### Other news:

Energy prices / Cost of living: I hate to talk about this so early on in the school year, but like everyone in the UK at the moment, we are already seeing the impact of rising costs on school life. School trips, energy bills, food, books, pens, pencils etc... pretty much everything is being impacted. You may notice that when we send letters out to you with regards to school trips that the cost has gone up. Both for local trips and of course residential trips. We spend a lot of time trying to find the best possible prices for these essential school trips, but really do appreciate it can be very challenging for some families. Rest assured we have usually subsidised the trip ourselves in whatever way we can, however as I am sure you can imagine it is not always possible for us to do so. I am not really sure what to suggest doing here, as we have no idea as to when or how far prices will continue to rise. As a heads up, the biggest (financially speaking) trips will be year 5's camp and year 6's London trip. We will be getting information out regarding these trips very soon, but it may be an idea to start planning ahead for these, it might soften the blow a bit?

Uniform:

If you need any school uniform, please contact your child's class teacher. We have lots of very good second-hand items that you will be more than welcome to have, as well as some brand-new items. So please do shout if you need help. It is imperative that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform, including PE kit. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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#### Parent Consultations meetings:

Great news! We are going back to face-to-face parent consultation meetings. We cannot wait to see you all and to discuss your child's progress. The teachers and I are really excited to have the opportunity to have you back in the classrooms/hall again this year as is feels like a lifetime ago since we have had these meetings face-to-face. More information on how to book a slot will follow soon, and as always, we will do our upmost to accommodate working parents by offering some later/earlier slots. If you are uncomfortable going back to face-to-face meetings, please let your class teacher know and we can arrange a telephone call. Parent consultations will begin week of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

That is all from me this week, I cannot tell you how happy we are to have all the children back in school. There is a real buzz around the school again and the energy feels amazing. Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Kind regards Kieran Walsh

Note: At the time of writing this newsletter we had not heard the sad news about the Queen. Please be assured that all class teachers will be addressing the classes individually, at the correct age-appropriate level. I will hold a whole school assembly on Monday afternoon where we will sensitively mark this incredibly sad event in our history, but also celebrate the many wonderful years of our Queen.



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### Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a

#### Lannergram this week:

Y1: Chester, Harry, Finley

Y2: Gracie, Jowan, Kiara

Y3: Frankie, Olivia, Heidi

Y4: Kaia, Carlos, Senara

Y5: Athena, Joshua, Noah

Y6: Riley, Amelie, Erin



### **Attendance Cup**

Group	% Attend
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	100
Year 3	94
Year 4	82.7
Year 5	100
Year 6	81
Totals	92.1



#### <u>Dates for your diary</u>

**Tuesday 13th September** Reception Class —RWI parent meeting in class@ 2.30pm

- Monday 14th September Reception Class—Speech & Language screening
- ♦ Thursday 22nd September Yr1 &
  2—RWI—parent meeting in hall @
  2.45pm
- Tuesday 27th September Individual class photos—Whole school
- Monday 3rd October—Parent consultations—Whole School

## Word of the week

Our word of the week is - Optimist

Definition — one who usually, or in a specific instance, expects a good outcome.

I had given up all hope, but she remained an optimist.

Please try and use this word as much as you can with your child.



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A crocodile cannot stick it's tongue out!



