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Key Dates:

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| 16 th September – Year 2 Meet the teacher | W/B 23 rd September – cycle to school week |
| 17 th September – Year 1 Meet the teacher | 25 th September – Year 2 Gurdwara Visit |
| 17 th September- 7.30pm HSPTA meeting | 27 th September – Year 2 Ace sports football competition |
| 24 th September – Year R Welcome to classrooms | 8 th October- school individual photos |

Communications this week:

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| PE days Y2 | Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy |
| PE days Y1 | Y2 School Trip |
| Updating pupil details on Arbor | |
| New After School Club telephone number | |

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all our families with children in Years 1 & 2 and a very big welcome to all our new Year R families. It has been wonderful having all the Year 1&2 children back and seeing them settle so well into their new classes. We look forward to Year R children joining us next week, I know the teachers have loved meeting you all on home visits. Mrs Flood and I have enjoyed getting around the classrooms, engaging with the children and spending time with them at playtime and lunchtime, it's a shame we've had a few wet playtimes! All classes have had a strong focus on building positive relationships and getting to know one another well in this first week as we know this is so important to establish early on. My assembly to Years 1 and 2 today was a welcome back and reminder of our three school rules 'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Ready' which they have remembered really well.

Classroom welcome sessions

We are welcoming you into your child's classroom after school at 3.15pm, where you will get a chance to meet the teacher, see the classroom and hear about class/year group key messages. If you need time to speak with your child's new class teacher individually, please arrange this at another time as the teacher will not have time to speak to everyone individually in this session. You will receive an information handout next Friday all about your child's new year group, following this if you have any further questions you will be able to ask these in this session. The timings and days for these sessions are as follows:

Year 2: Monday 16th September 3.15pm-3.30pm

Year 1: Tuesday 17th September 3.15pm-3.30pm

Year R: Tuesday 24th September 3.15pm-3.30pm

Annual Dates

Attached is our Annual Dates and Events Calendar. These are in the process of being populated on our school website and there will no doubt be some changes and additions throughout the year that we will communicate with you, when necessary.

Uniform and PE Clothing

We have noticed that some children are coming to school not with the school colours particularly on PE days. On PE days children come to school in their PE kit and this must still adhere to our uniform expectations. Please can we ask that your child has the correct uniform, shoes and PE kit. Children must be wearing black school shoes and on PE days they can wear trainers which should be plain black or white. PE tops must be white with plain navy/black shorts, joggers or leggings. Children must have white polo shirts, navy jumpers and navy or grey trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses for their uniform.

Achievements Outside of School

The teachers would love to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school in the classroom. Please do bring in certificates, medals, awards etc for you child to share with their class.

Snacks/lunchboxes/Nut Free School

We have a fruit/vegetable snack provided for the children daily through the government scheme so there is no need for you to provide your child with a separate snack in the morning. A reminder that we are a nut free school so if you do send your child with a packed lunch please ensure all products are nut free e.g. no Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches. Please can we also remind you no sweets or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. We would encourage all families to opt for the hot school dinners as these are free for all infant aged children and provide a hot nutritious balanced meal for children at lunchtime.

Play Equipment/Outdoor area

Please could I kindly ask you to not allow your children and their siblings to play on the school play equipment or climb between plant borders before or after school. Due to safety these areas should only be used during school hours with staff supervision.

Summer Reading Challenge

Hopefully lots of the children engaged in the summer reading challenge and enjoyed reading 6 new books. We are really proud of everyone who achieved this challenge. Please do bring in your certificates to show the teachers so we can celebrate your achievements.

There's still time for any children who haven't quite finished to still do so. You are able to register their books at the library until Saturday 13 September, so do head to the library to complete if you haven't yet. They have enough medals and certificates left, so nobody will be disappointed!

Toys in School

We ask that children do not bring in items from home into school as these can get lost or broken. The children have access to school resources throughout the day. There will not be show and tell in classes that require them to bring in things from home, unless this is linked with the current learning in class or an achievement outside of school that they would like to share and celebrate.

Scouts

Please see the attached poster about the local Beaver Scout group who currently have spaces and would love you to get in touch if you are interested.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards

Phillippa Longman

