

# **NEWSLETTER**

AutumnTerm No 1

Thursday 7th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful, happy and – at least in parts – sunny summer holiday. As always, it's good to see the children again after the break, and as I did the first assembly on Monday morning it was absolutely fantastic to see everyone back ready for the new year, and looking super smart in lots of new school uniform. It's also great to welcome Ms Laura Cookson to Seven Mills permanently as our new deputy head – I hope that many of you have now had chance to meet her face-to-face.

#### **Meet the Teachers**

We have already held a number of 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. If you haven't yet been in for one of these meetings, do please try to come into school for ten minutes to meet all the adults who will be working with your child over the coming year. Sessions still to take place are:

Tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00 am

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 pm

Year 1

Year 6

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 pm

Year 3

### Building Works – and scooters & bikes

The builders have made good progress over the summer holidays, and our new building and playground facilities will be fabulous when they are finished. Already we are using some of the new (very smart) storage, and you can get an idea of what the new classroom/parents' room will be like if you look through the fence. However, we still have some weeks to go until completion, so I am very grateful to everyone – children and adults – for their understanding about the reduced size of the playgrounds and the cramped entrance.

At the moment we have **no storage facility for bicycles or scooters**, so until half term please do **not** bring these to school – we cannot keep them safe. We will let you know as soon as we have storage space again.

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## **Allergies and Asthma**

If your child has any allergies or has suffered from asthma (and has been prescribed an asthma pump) please can you let Ms Cookson or Ms Davies know as soon as possible. Also please let us know if there has been any change to your child's allergy or asthma medication since last year. It is vitally important for us to have up-to-date information, so that we can keep your children safe in school.

### **Punctuality**

Please note that children should be **in school** by 8.55 when we ring the bell, so that they can go straight into class and start work. This week there were quite a lot of children coming into school up to 10 minutes late.

We are expecting the Ofsted inspectors to visit us again this year (it will be four years since our last inspection next January) and every moment of learning counts as we all try to do the very best we can.

Please note that we do keep a late book, and that if children come into school after the register has been taken they get a late mark in the register, which is technically an unauthorised absence. In the case of children who are persistently late or absent without good cause, the late marks can contribute towards absence that leads to a fine.

## **Fiftieth Anniversary Tea Towel**

Our fiftieth anniversary tea towels are now for sale in the office, at the bargain price of  $\mathfrak{L}2$ . A great souvenir of our wonderful anniversary event – and the ideal gift for friends and family.

### **Important Dates for this Term**

Please make a note of these important dates.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45 – 6.30 pm **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45 – 6 pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Break up for half term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October Half term holiday

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October Return to school

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils

(Staff Training)

**Wednesday 20th December** Break up for Christmas Holiday

Please note that this year we do not break up until the Wednesday before Christmas.

With best regards, And looking forward to another happy and successful year, Mike Hirst, Headteacher