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'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22:37

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Sunday 3rd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had a relaxing summer and your children are looking forward to the new term ahead, I am looking forward to welcoming them all back to school on Tuesday. Below are some organisational details for your attention.

Arrivals and Departures

Members of Thorn class will enter the classroom through the door on the playground and the door will open at 8.45am for the start of school. Year 6 pupils can come into the classroom at 8.35am as they have morning jobs to complete. Pupils will be dismissed via the same entrance at the end of the day. Please let myself or the school office know if you have arranged for someone different to pick up your child or if you have a regular pickup arrangement with someone other than parents.

PE

PE will be on a Thursday and Friday and we are continuing to ask that pupils come to school in the appropriate kit - plain black/grey/navy joggers or shorts, plain red or white t-shirt, plain red or black jumper/hoody and trainers.

For the first half term a number of the class will be going swimming on a Thursday afternoon, the rest will remain in school for a PE lesson. More details about the swimming will be sent directly to parents.

Forest School

Mrs Chillitupa will be teaching the class on a Wednesday afternoon. She will be delivering Geography, Spanish and Forest School sessions. Forest School sessions will take place on alternate Wednesdays and pupils should come to school dressed in their forest school clothing. Clearly labelled wellies should be brought into school as soon as possible. Please see the timetable attached for dates. A copy of this can also be found on the Thorn Class webpage.



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Homework

Spellings – These are given out on a Monday and tested on Friday of every week. Pupils following the Twinkl spelling scheme will have a home spelling booklet given to them at the start of each half-term, these will contain activities to help pupils learn their spellings at home each week. The whole term is included in the booklet. For pupils who follow the alternative scheme they will continue to bring their sheet home each Monday. Spellings will begin on Monday 11th September

Reading – Reading is very important in helping pupils to develop language and literacy skills. Pupils will now have a reading record that they can complete. More information about these can be found in the whole school reading letter which will be sent home on Tuesday. For Thorn class pupils, this record should be signed by parents once a week but pupils are responsible for logging their daily reading at home, whether it is independent reading or reading with an adult. Please make sure that reading records are sent into school every Friday once term has started.

Maths – Home learning for maths should focus on practicing and reinforcing core skills. Pupils can access Times Tables Rockstars from home using their school log-in. I cannot emphasise enough the need to learn times tables as a secure knowledge of these helps in all areas of maths.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child/children over the coming year; if you have any questions at any time please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind regards

Rebecca Hill



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