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Dear Parents and Children

Welcome to the new academic year, one and all!

As I sit down to write this first newsletter of 2018-2019, I am doing so having spent the first part of this morning, the morning of the first day back, visiting the children in their new classes and welcoming the children new to Reception into the school.

The children in Years 1-6 have greeted me with beaming smiles and a fantastic, 'Hello Mr Burgess!' The first half of the new Reception classes have settled quickly with their new teachers, and the Nursery staff, and look as though they have been in school for the whole year already! It truly is quite a remarkable re-start.

I do hope that you have had a super summer, and that it has been everything that you hoped it would be.

Here at school, we have had a very busy time with building work. The SEN room has become an additional teaching space and the store room has become the SEN office and meeting room. The nursery has been completely refurbished with fresh paint on the ceiling walls, door frames, window frames and doors. I cannot thank Mr Exton or Mr McNally enough for all of their hard work on these projects. We have also been joined by JLR staff who have been busy as part of JLR's commitment to supporting the local community. These staff have been superb, so many thanks to all of them and to the JLR company.

Meanwhile, some staff have moved classrooms and others have moved year groups. All staff have spent much time over the holiday preparing their rooms, in anticipation of the children returning today. Overall, the school looks fantastic; bright, cheerful and free from clutter! We sincerely believe that the accommodation here needs to be as clean, tidy and welcoming as possible so that the children's time in school sets the right tone for their future!

Diary Dates

I have attached the diary dates for the whole year below. As in previous years, there will be some additions, and possibly some minor changes, as we move through the year. However, we will do the very best we can to keep changes to a minimum, only making any changes where absolutely necessary. We set these dates so far in advance to give you the earliest opportunity to plan time off work, if required, as we do not wish to disrupt that unnecessarily. So, get cracking entering important dates into your calendars!

Last Year's Year 2 and 6 Assemblies



The final Friday of the year saw us celebrate Year 2 moving to Year 3, and Year 6 leaving us after eight years! Both year groups were a real credit to everyone in their lives. We have welcomed the Year 2's back as Year 3's, complete with ties, and wish all of our Year 6's the very best possible start to Year 7. We will certainly miss these children and look forward to them popping in to see us so that we can continue to follow their progress.

Marriages

Many congratulations to Miss Barber and Miss Lewis who both got married over the holiday. Mrs Barber is now Mrs Semple and Miss Lewis is now Mrs Scarborough!

New to the school

We welcome to the school Mrs Lewis, to Reception, Miss Cooke, to Year 3, Mrs Chauhan, to Year 4 and Mrs Price, to Year 5.

Clubs

Mrs Clark has taken over as our PE Lead and

will have finalised the clubs by the end of this week. Next week, these clubs will be available to book through at <https://www.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> and they will start the week beginning Monday 17th September.

New Line Markings and the PTA

We are close to having a date set for work to commence to replace all of our windows, together with the doors on the KS1 playground. We will dovetail this with the painting of the new line markings with the money that you all raised at the Summer Gala. The first PTA meeting of the new year is next Wednesday, 12th September. It runs in the school hall between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. We stick strictly to this time since we are well aware that child care arrangements have to be made. You are all welcome to attend if you would like to.

Dragons Summer Club

Wow! Talk about popular. Our club has been extremely busy this summer. Well done to Mrs Semple and Miss Booth for their excellent organisation. The children have loved it! Having swimming back on the agenda has been a real hit.

Allergies

Please remember that we have a number of children in school who have epipens as a result of severe allergies to nuts and kiwi fruit. Please bear this in mind when preparing children's snacks and lunches; even traces of oil can trigger a reaction so it is essential that these items are never brought into school.

Many thanks indeed for your support.

Kenilworth Arts Festival - 20th - 29th Sept.

This year's programme features lots of exciting family events, including awe-inspiring theatre from The Wardrobe Ensemble, a storybook workshop with illustrator Ashley Crowley, 'story walks' in Abbey Fields and a baby rave. For slightly older children, there's an opportunity to meet best-selling children's author Kiran Millwood Hargrave on Saturday 22nd September. Visit: www.kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk.

Welcome back again, and have a great weekend!

GT Burgess

DIARY DATES 2018-2019

Wednesday 12 th September	PTA (19.00)
Monday 17 th September	Year 6 Information Evening (17.30)
Tuesday 18 th September	EYFS Information Evening (17.30)
Tuesday 25 th September	Year 2 Information Evening (17.30)
Thursday 27 th September	Y5 to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 28 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning (09.00)
Friday 28 th September	5A Class Assembly
Friday 5 th October	5M Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual Photographs
	PTA (19.00)
Wednesday 10 th October	Travelling Book Fayre (until Monday 15 th)
Friday 12 th October	5P Class Assembly
	PTA Race Night (19.30)
Monday 15 th October	Y3 to Chedworth
Tuesday 16 th October	Y3 to Chedworth
Friday 19 th October	3M Class Assembly
	Scalextric Night (19.30)
Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 26 th October	3C Class Assembly
HALF TERM	
Tuesday 13 th November	Flu Nasal Spray (Years 1-5)
	PTA (19.00)
Thursday 15 th November	Y5 to Space Centre
Friday 16 th November	3J Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd November	3D Class Assembly
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Lights Switch On (Choir) Non Uniform Chocolate and Bottles
Saturday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 5 th December	Nursery Nativity (9.30 and 14.00)
Thursday 6 th December	Reception Nativity (14.00)
Friday 7 th December	Reception Nativity (9.30)
	PTA Disco
Monday 10 th December	Year 1 Nativity (Grandparents 14.00) Year 1 Nativity (18.00)
Tuesday 11 th December	Year 1 Nativity (9.30) Year 2 Nativity (Grandparents 14.00) Year 2 Nativity (18.00)
Wednesday 12 th December	Reception to Warwick Arts Centre (Wilde Creatures)
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 2 Nativity (9.30) Year 3/4 Carol Concert (Grandparents 14.00) Year 3/4 Carol Concert (18.00)
Thursday 13 th December	Year 3/4 Carol Concert (9.30) Year 5/6 Carol Concert (Grandparents 14.00) Year 5/6 Carol Concert (18.00)
Friday 14 th December	Year 5/6 Carol Concert (9.30)
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19 th December	Y1-6 Panto (Dick Whittington at Leamington)
Friday 21 st December	END OF TERM
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Monday 7 th January	Return to School
Wednesday 16 th January	PTA (19.00)
Friday 18 th January	5A Class Assembly 2K Class Assembly
Friday 25 th January	5P Class Assembly 2P Class Assembly Head's Fish and Chip Quiz (19.30)
Friday 1 st February	5M Class Assembly 2S Class Assembly
Saturday 2 nd February	PTA Ball
Friday 8 th February	6W Class Assembly

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	2D Class Assembly
Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th February	Parents' Evenings
Friday 15 th February	1S Class Assembly
HALF TERM	
Monday 25 th February	Return to School
Wednesday 6 th March	PTA (19.00)
Friday 8 th March	6B Class Assembly 1R Class Assembly Scalextric Night (19.30)
Monday 11 th March until Friday 15 th	Scholastic Book Fayre
Tuesday 12 th March	M&M Productions – Wizard of Oz
Friday 15 th March	6P Class Assembly 1B Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd March	3D Class Assembly
Friday 29 th March	PTA Disco
Friday 5 th April	3M Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th April	Y4 Production
Friday 12 th April	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnets
Friday 12 th April	END OF TERM
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 29 th April	Return to school
Friday 3 rd May	3J Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th May	PTA (19.00)
Friday 10 th May	3C Class Assembly RC Class assembly
Monday 13 th May	SATS Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	UKS2 Sports Day
Friday 24 th May	INSET School closed to pupils
HALF TERM	
Monday 3 rd until Friday 7 th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight
Wednesday 5 th June	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 7 th June	4C Class Assembly
Monday 10 th June	Nursery and Reception New Parents Evenings
Tuesday 11 th June	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 14 th June	4D Class Assembly RM Class Assembly
Wednesday 19 th June	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 21 st June	RL Class Assembly Non uniform bottles?
Saturday 22 nd June	PTA Gala Day
Wednesday 26 th June	PTA (19.00)
Friday 28 th June	4W Class Assembly
Friday 5 th July	PTA Disco Year 1 and 3 Information Evenings (16.30 and 17.30)
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Production
Friday 12 th July	INSET School closed to pupils
Monday 15 th July	Reports Home
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Fun Day and BBQ
Thursday 18 th July	Final KS1 Birthday Assembly
Friday 19 th July	Year 2 and 6 Leavers Assembly END OF TERM