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Friday Newsletter

From Mr Searson

Swimming- Changes to organisation

Following last Monday's swimming session we have decided to make some changes to the organisation to increase the safeguarding of your children. 15 children went home from Sharley Park last week and releasing that number of children after the session was not an ideal situation. Originally only a couple of children who had transport problems were allowed to go home from the pool, but this number has now increased enormously. **From Monday 27th September all children will be collected from school at the end of the school day as on any other day after returning from the pool.**

Also a number of children found it distracting having parents or other adults watching in the viewing gallery. For 'normal' swimming lessons we would like parents not to come just to watch as these are educational lessons. However from time to time we will invite parents to come to watch the children to see the progress they have made.

Developing Independence- Class 2 and 3

We work hard to increase the independence of the children both in every day tasks and when working. We would like to ask you to help us with this target by encouraging the children to go into school by themselves in the morning to hang up their coat, reading folders and put lunch boxes away. This seemingly small task each day will have a huge knock on effect and will support the children's development of independence when working and organising the equipment they need.

Friends of School

Unfortunately at the FOS AGM we were unable to find people willing to stand for election as officers on the committee. This means the committee will not be able to run this academic year. Fundraising events will be organised by school during the year and I will be asking for volunteers to help at different events through the weekly newsletter. Many people who attended the AGM have already pledged their support and I am very grateful for this.

The money raised by the FOS has recently been used to purchase wonderful brightly coloured tables for Class 2 and 3 and the proceeds from the Summer Fair are being used to order new, much needed, more comfortable chairs for the children. Both of these projects will have a great impact on the Learning Environment. Many positive comments have already been made, so thank-you to all who worked hard to raise the funds, it was very worthwhile.

New End of Day Procedure – A reminder

The new system of collecting children from the playground has certainly improved the safety for your children. Could I please remind parents to come down onto the playground and wait in front of the climbing wall, as due to the trees, parents standing on the path are not easily visible from where Class 2 and 3 are dismissed from. This would be much appreciated, Thank-you.

A request for resources

We would be very grateful of any donations of balls of wool, ribbon, beads or sequins etc for our collage stock, the more different textures the better.

I would also be very grateful for the donation of unwanted food processors which can be used to make 'paper pulp' for an art project we are planning in for Key Stage 2 children.

Fundraising

It will soon be our Harvest Festival! After a short performance by the children we would like to hold our usual auction of Harvest Hampers and produce. Could I ask you to start to collect together donations?

Messages from the staff

**Class 1 :Mrs Goodyear,
Miss Westcott and Mrs
Spencer**

Please can class 1 make sure they have coats and strong shoes or Wellingtons for Tuesday afternoon as we will be going on a senses walk.

Class 2: Mr Searson

Class 3: Mrs Bevan

Could girls bring something to tie back their hair for P.E.
Y5/6 – for next week can they find details of their birth e.g.: weight, height, eye colour etc.

From the School office

Birth Certificates

Could parents of children who have started in school with us in September this year please bring in their child's birth certificate so that Mrs Fox can complete their child's record card. This is a requirement of safeguarding and must be carried out.

Whats on Next Week

Monday	Swimming session for Key Stage 2 The Year 5 and 6 choir will be practising the songs for The Winding Wheel Concert- please remember the word sheets.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Choir at Sharley Park 9.15 a.m. We have a university student starting her teaching placement in Class 1 Mr. Slack will be teaching in Class 3 all day

Thursday	
Friday	Mr. Slack will be teaching in Class 3 all day

Yours sincerely

Mr P.G.Searson
Head Teacher