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Dear families,

I do hope you are all well. May I say how wonderfully the children are settling into the new school year. It feels like our new starter children have always been here! I do hope you are all feeling positive about your children's first days with us. I know the start of school can be an anxious time for parents and carers too as you get used to your child attending a new school. Let me reassure you that your children are all doing great and so are all of you. Our amazing staff team are here to help and support you with any questions you may have, so please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class team at pick-up time.

Snack Fund:

Snack Fund is payable by cash. The charge is **£12.00 per half term**. Please pass your child's payment for this half-term to a member of staff in your child's class team as soon as possible.

Lots of Reminders!!!

Here are some reminders from our lovely class teachers:

- **Wellies** - children require a pair of wellies that can be kept in school. Please label these clearly with your child's name and class
- **Family Photos** – Please send a recent family photo into class
- **Names on belongings** – please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes fleeces, t-shirts, joggers, bags, scarves, wellies..... If un-named items go missing, we have zero chance of tracking these items down.
- **Sensible shoes** – children require sensible footwear that provides adequate protection for their feet. Shoes with laces are not suitable as the children cannot do tie for themselves. Velcro is ideal. Trainers are permitted in school.
- **Intimate Care Policies** – if your child is a returning child, please send back their completed intimate care policy as soon as possible
- **Learning Journals reply slips** – if your child is a returning child, please send back this permission slip as soon as possible.

Water bottles

We politely ask that you do not send water bottles into school. Children have continuous access to fresh, chilled, filtered water within classes throughout the day. We do not have the facilities to store water bottles. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September

We are hosting Macmillan Coffee Morning in school next Friday to raise money for this very worthy cause that is close to all our hearts. We would be grateful for **donations of cakes** for this event. Please bring your cakes into school on Wednesday 25th September.

Parents and carers are **warmly invited to come and join us** for tea, coffee and cake on Friday 27th September at 8.30am, after you have dropped your child into class. We hope to raise lots of funds for Macmillan, so please bring along your donations to the coffee morning and give generously. This is a lovely opportunity to get to know each other and we look forward to seeing you there.



Roots to grow, wings to fly



Liverpool Maths Party Day - Friday 27th September

Next Friday is also the annual Liverpool Maths Party, sponsored by Liverpool Learning Partnership. Children will be taking part in lots of activities relating to numbers, counting, patterns and shapes. **Children come to school wearing their own clothes on this day with a maths-related theme (colours, patterns, spots, shapes).**

Attendance and Timekeeping:

If your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office **on the first day**. If your child is ill, please keep them at home and contact us to let us know the nature of their illness and a likely return date. Schools are legally required to follow up unexplained absences as a potential **safeguarding concern**.

Home Learning Activity

While you are out and about this weekend, have a look for Autumn treasures. Go on a hunt for conkers, pine cones, acorns and Autumn leaves. Talk to your child about the changes that happen at this time of year, as the seasons change from summer to Autumn. This is a brilliant opportunity to introduce new words and concepts as you talk to them:

- Talk about how some animals start to collect food before hibernating for winter;
- Help your child to notice that the days are becoming shorter and the temperatures are cooler;
- Introduce words such as conker, acorn and pine cone;
- Look at the shapes and textures of different leaves;
- Make collages with leaves and talk about different colours and shades.

NSPCC Online Safety campaign

The NSPCC have produced a lovely Activity Pack for parents to help make conversations about staying safe online as easy as possible. With a colouring in activity, dot-to-dot and maze game, you can help create a safer online experience for your child. I encourage you to visit the NSPCC website and order these materials to begin talking to your child about keeping safe online. This will support the work we do in school to promote online safety from a young age.

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass (OE). This is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to provide support to children experiencing domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple notification sent to school prior to the start of the next school day when the police have attended an incident of domestic abuse.

Craniosynostosis Awareness Month

September is Craniosynostosis Awareness Month, which seeks to raise awareness of this condition. One child is born with some form of craniosynostosis almost every single day here in the UK – and yet hardly anyone has ever heard of it. Visit headlines.org.uk or to find out more and help to raise awareness.

School Website

Our new school website has been launched but some of the information displayed is not up to date. Please bear with us for the time being.

Happy Friday. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

With warmest wishes,

Mr Craig Bolton
Headteacher



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