

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to you all, I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday. I am sure that the children are looking forward to the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

I am writing to update you about some of the changes to staff and routines.

#### New Children

A very warm welcome to the 10 new children who joined Lubenham All Saints this week. I am sure that they will all settle in quickly. Please do remember that all staff are available by appointment to discuss any issues you may have, so do speak to us if you are concerned about anything, however trivial it may seem. Please try not to talk to teachers for longer than a few minutes at the start of the day when they are trying to register their classes. They will happily phone you during the day, or set up an appointment for a longer discussion if necessary.

#### Changes to the Building

Over the holiday we have had significant improvements to the school building. We have created two new offices and a staffroom in what was the old dining room space. The new entrance to the school office will be at the side door but this will not be operational until the scaffolding is taken down in the near future. The upstairs offices will be used by the Trust but will be separate from the school, having their own entrance which will be not be accessible from the playground. The internal staircase will be used only for an emergency exit for the Trust. We have also had the roof replaced and we expect this work to be completed by half term. The perimeter fencing has been improved to provide a more secure playground for our children. We are very pleased with improvements and feel the improved environment will be of benefit for our children.

#### Celebration Assembly

We will begin our celebration assembly on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> September. You are welcome to come and join us every Friday morning in celebrating the achievements of the children. The assembly start at 9:10 but you are welcome to wait in the hall after the children have gone into class.

#### Traffic Management

Please may I remind all parents to drive carefully and to park responsibly at all times around the School site.

#### Staff News

As you all are aware, we welcome Mrs. Martin to Lubenham as class teacher in Year 6 every morning.

#### Start of Day Routine

Children should arrive at 8.45 am when the gates will be unlocked. At 8:50 the bell will ring and the children will line up in the playground. The playground gate will be shut at 9:00 am and children arriving after this time should enter through the main office door or the old front door until the new one is being used.

#### Absence

If children are absent from School for any reason, please do call the office and let us know as we are obliged to keep records. If your child is not taking part in PE or swimming, then a note to the form teacher should be provided.

### Uniform

Our uniform helps children to take a pride in school and is an important part of school life. Please help us by ensuring that children have the correct games/PE kit in school from Monday to Friday (all clearly named).

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. It is important that children drink enough to enable to learn more effectively.

### Food in School

Please be aware that we have a number of children with allergies in school this year and would appreciate your support in ensuring there are no nuts in lunch boxes.

### Afternoon Collection

At the end of school, children will come out into the playground. If your child is walking home by themselves, please could inform us in writing giving your consent. Usually this would be only older pupils.

### Homework

Your child will bring home a folder in the next few weeks with homework for the half term.

This will include;

- A spelling list which shows the words children should be expected to spell at the end of the year for your information. It will also include a list of words the children will learn for the half term. This will be updated each half term and you will receive feedback from teachers of your child's progress at the end of each half term.
- The children will also have a spelling or phonic pattern that they will learn over the half term. This will be tested regularly in class and you will be given feedback about your child's progress on a weekly basis. The folder will also include ideas of how to help your child.
- Maths homework which will focus on developing times table accuracy and speed.
- A selection of other activities some of which are optional. These will be designed to complement the learning in class and some of these will be designed to develop reasoning and explaining.

### Activities/Music Lessons

Please note that After School Activities will start on Monday 11th September. Information about Music lessons will come home in the next few weeks. Children will also be taking home a list of all the After School Activities available. Please decide which activities they wish to join and return the form to School as soon as possible. Some activities are usually over-subscribed, so a speedy return may make a difference! All School Clubs will finish at 4:30pm.

### School Calendar

Your child will bring home a copy of important dates and school events at the end of the week. We will endeavour to make you aware of any events or changes to these dates in good time. The school Friday Flyer always contains the most up-to-date information, so please do read it. It is available by email if you require and is posted on the website. The School website is also a major source of information about School events and copies of all letters are posted on the site.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year with some exciting learning opportunities for our children.

Yours faithfully,

Heather White