

Friday 22nd July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for your continued support of the school through extreme heatwaves, staffing issues and the continued restrictions that the pandemic has placed upon us this year. Let's hope that we have largely got past all those risk assessments and operational plans and can return to something more normal from September.

I am mindful that the pandemic has left a legacy of rising fuel costs and the cost of living in general and for some of you a change in employment. Whilst we would like to return next academic year to more trips and visits for the children, those extra-curricular activities that make primary school so special, we will endeavour to give plenty of notice for these and to try and keep the costs as low as possible.

I do believe that it is important to involve you in the life of the school and it has been lovely in the summer term to be able to invite you into school for open evenings, sports days, summer fayres and the Y6 leavers play and presentation evening. I hope that you have enjoyed them as much as the children have enjoyed taking part in them.

Transition week

I think the children have had a lovely transition week despite the challenges of Monday and Tuesday and hopefully they will feel much more confident about the return to school in September. Just a couple of things we have noticed: Can I suggest that parents don't gather on the pavements around school but rather come in through the allotted gates and wait for your child to be asked to enter and equally come in the gates when waiting for your child at the end of the day. It is also important that you take the route prescribed as this means that otherwise we have children getting mixed up with parents collecting other children. This is particularly true for collections from the link corridor where we would ask that you arrive by walking up the KS1 playground through gate A and exit the same way back down the playground. Obviously, it is vitally important that we are able to maintain the safety of all children and would ask for your support in this matter.

Water safety

It always worries me when we have spells of hot weather that children will be tempted to take a dip in open water including rivers, lakes, and the sea and whilst this can be a lovely way of cooling down, children should always be carefully supervised. Please talk to children about water safety and ensure that they understand the dangers of swimming in wild waters and that although it may look very tempting on hot days it is not always as safe as it looks. There are some good child friendly videos on the internet that will support your discussions.

School uniform

I am sure that many of you will be uniform shopping over the summer, so it would seem timely to remind you of the school policy and to advise that there is also further information on the school website.

Our uniform consists of:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with or without the school logo, year 6 children may wear a burgundy hooded top featuring the school logo
- Grey trousers, skirt or knee length shorts
- White polo shirt
- Black shoes, no trainers
- In the summer a red/white check summer dress may be worn
- Socks must match and be grey, black or white
- Tights must be grey

PE Kit

- Burgundy polo shirt or PE shirt
- Black shorts or skort. (can we ensure that these are not hot pant shorts as these are too short and inappropriate for school)

Games Kit

- Burgundy polo shirt or PE shirt
- Black shorts or skort
- (In winter) Plain dark coloured tracksuit or plain dark running leggings.
- Suitable change of footwear and socks

We do have a small stock of second-hand uniform in school please do not be embarrassed to ask.

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely holiday and some time to relax and enjoy the company of friends and family without the stresses of day-to-day family life! I look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 6th September.**

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson