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**Head Teacher: Mr P Clark**

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to another action-packed school year. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that your children are refreshed and ready for school. A very warm welcome to the new Fox Cubs joining us this year: Joseph, Lily, Lucas, Olivia, Romeo, Stephen, Yasmin, Connie, Jacob, Eliza, Carrie and Jamie. Also we welcome Finley to Year 6. And not forgetting Mr Evans and Miss Joel as our new teachers.

### **Summer Holidays**

The windows have been replaced along the back of the school so we should get better ventilation on hot days and insulation when the weather turns cooler. The high level windows in the middle of the school will be replaced at half term. Additionally, I have moved rooms, swapping with the music room meaning that I have a better space for meetings.

### **Coming into School**

From Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August there will be a change to how children in Year 1 and 2 come into school. Rather than lining up on the back playground the cloakroom door will open at 8:45am for the children to come into school by themselves. Teachers are very busy in the morning so if you have a message to pass on, please see me on the playground or call into the School Office.

### **After School Clubs**

Further details to follow but this what we know so far: **Mondays** – Basketball (starts 4<sup>th</sup> September 3:20pm – 4:30pm), **Tuesdays** – Multi-Sports (starts 5<sup>th</sup> September 3.20pm – 4.20pm), **Wednesdays** – School Team Football (starts 13<sup>th</sup> September 3.20pm – 4.20pm), **Fridays** – FDS Football (starts 1<sup>st</sup> September 3.20pm – 4.20pm).

### **Annual Calendar**

The yellow Annual Calendar should be with you, if you need an additional copy feel free to ask. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to: coming soon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September is Roald Dahl Day when we would like the children to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book and this year our Harvest Festival will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **Golden Time**

After a very useful training session on Tuesday which covered a variety of topics including behaviour management, we have decided to change how Golden Time is managed. Instead of children losing Golden Time the class will work together to earn Golden Time by collecting 'Dojo Points'. 'Dojo Points' have also replaced merits and stars, however, certificates will awarded for collecting amounts of 'Dojo Points'.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available from 8am in the School Hall, £1.80 for supervision, £2.50 for breakfast and supervision, no booking required, just turn up! Breakfast stops being served at 8.30am.

### **Learning Log and Planner**

These have now been sent home with children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Please read through the Learning Log and Planner and find the Home – School – Child Agreement and the ICT Acceptable Use Policy which need signing. The children can complete the Times Tables Practice Grids at any time. The diary pages are to be used as a reading record and homework diary. The Learning Log and Planners need to be in school every school day and there will be a charge for a replacement if it is lost. The covers are not to be drawn on or coloured in.

## Applications for Fox Cubs 2018

If your child is due to start school for the Autumn Term 2018, i.e. they were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, then applications are now be taken by Leicestershire County Council. The easiest way is to use the online form at the following website: <http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/primary-school-places>. Applications close in January 2018.

## After School Care

After School Care is available daily until 5.15pm at a cost of £4.50. Please book places through the school office in advance.

## Mr Burton

After two very successful years working with us Mr Burton is nearing the completion of his NVQ3 which means he will be leaving us on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. It goes without saying that Mr Burton will be greatly missed and we wish him well.

## School Dinners

The cost of school meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are £2.20 per meal (£11 per week). Please remember that meals need to be paid for in advance. Children in Fox Cubs, Year 1 and 2 are all entitled to a free school dinner, this can be everyday or just occasionally.

## Term Dates

See below for the Term Dates for the next two Academic Years.

### Academic Year 2017 – 2018

#### Autumn Term

<b>Schools Open</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>st</sup> October 2017
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017
<b>Schools Close</b>	Wednesday evening 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### Spring Term

<b>Schools Open</b>	Tuesday morning 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday evening 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018

#### Summer Term

<b>Schools Open</b>	Monday morning 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
<b>School Closed</b>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday evening 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Academic Year 2018 – 2019

#### Autumn Term

<b>Schools Open</b>	Wednesday morning 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018
<b>Schools Close</b>	Thursday evening 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### Spring Term

<b>Schools Open</b>	Monday morning 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday evening 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Summer Term

<b>Schools Open</b>	Monday morning 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday evening 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019