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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday and made the very best of the amazing weather on offer.

I am very excited to be joining Fleet Wood Lane Primary School as its new Head Teacher. I will do all that I can to ensure we provide an excellent educational experience for every child – striving always to achieve the highest standards for them, so that they can be inspired to be the best that they can be.

I know that the teachers have been working very hard in their preparations for the new term and there is lots to look forward to. Please ensure that you have accessed the teachers start of term update via your Microsoft Teams Class login. You will find lots of useful information regarding this term's learning as well as class routines etc.

Science is the focus curriculum subject this term which will see the children, throughout the school, developing their scientific enquiry and investigation skills and building their scientific knowledge. Please remember to access the Science Knowledge Organisers that will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Reading is a key area of learning as it underpins all areas of the curriculum – I cannot stress enough the importance of supporting your child, at home, to develop/practise their reading skills. Pupils who are supported at home to read and develop a love of reading excel in all areas of the curriculum and they achieve the highest outcomes in age related assessments. Reading books will be issued this week and Mrs King will be writing out to you with top tips to support reading at home and a reminder of how the Accelerated Reader System works to assist and your child/children. For our early readers, in Dormice and Hedgehog classes, Mrs King will be presenting a phonics information evening for parents on the 27th September. This offers parents the opportunity to learn more about the essential building blocks of reading - so please come along. Mrs King will provide more information on the event – so watch out for this.

We are keen to support the development of grammar, punctuation and spelling skills so will be adapting our provision to further assist the children. We have purchased access to 'Spelling Shed' which we hope the children will enjoy using as they become superstar spellers. Ahead of launching this, we will be conducting start of the year spelling assessments with the children, so spellings will not be sent home until week 3. Please watch out for further news on spellings and Spelling Shed as the term progresses.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a key tool to assist you in supporting your child to secure rapid recall of the times tables and associated division facts. Remember, at the end of Year 4, the expectation is that all children will have a rapid recall of all the times tables facts, up to the 12 times tables, and will achieve 100% in the end of year statutory multiplication test. So no time to loose in polishing up those times tables skills. Please remember times tables songs, games and chanting the times tables all help to!

Whilst learning is definitely at the forefront of our minds, there are lots of other things to look forward too, including Macmillan Coffee Morning events, sports competitions and Harvest festival – to name just a few. I have attached a list of diary dates of forthcoming events for your information.

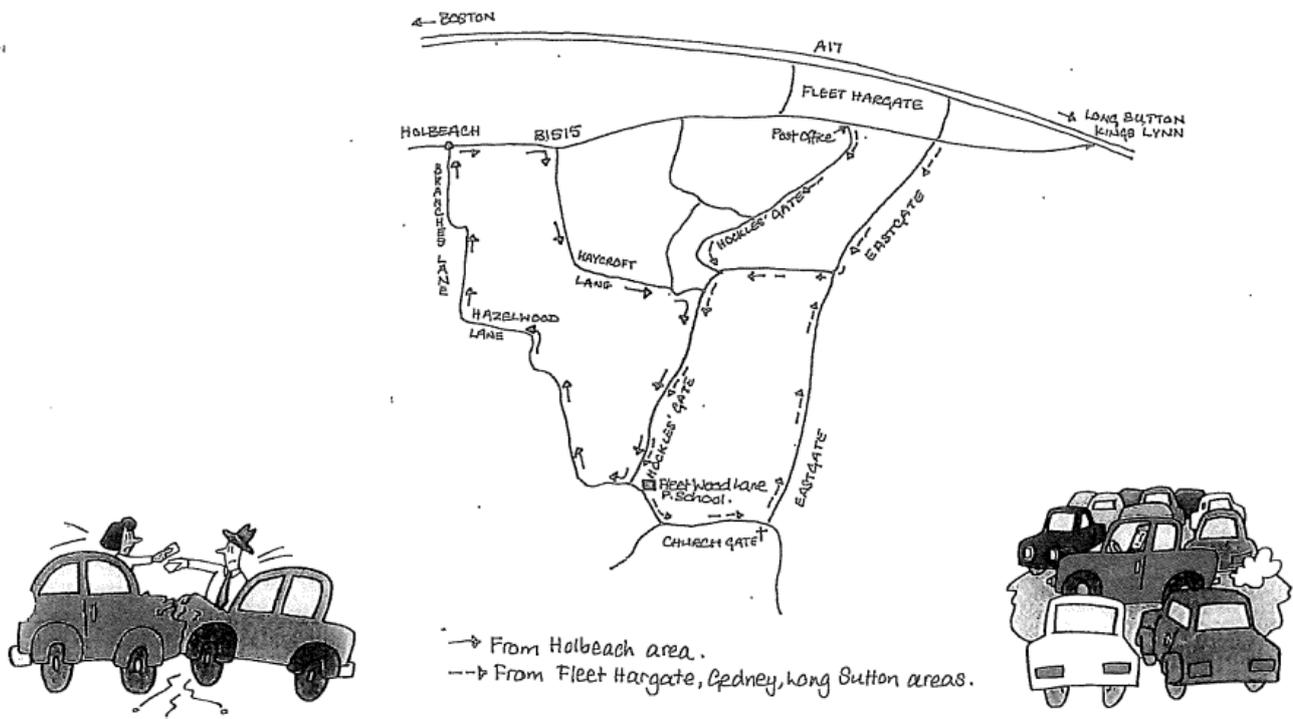
As we start the new year, I always think it is a good time to recap on school routines.

The school day

The school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. Children arriving after 8.55am will need to enter the school building via the main school door as teachers will commence registers at 8.55am. Teachers are present in classrooms from 8.40am with morning learning tasks set for arriving children, settling them quickly into the school day. Please do all you can to ensure that your child arrives in good time. Thank you. The school day ends at 3.15pm. Children are discharged to the collecting adults via their classroom doors onto the playground. The school gates open at 3pm to allow parents access to the playground.

Traffic and Parking

Like many schools we are troubled by insufficient parking facilities. In addition, our enviable rural location presents country roads which add to the difficulties for parents and local residents at drop off and pick you time. Please help us to help each other, and our neighbours, by adhering to the school's voluntary one-way system around the village.



When parking, please ensure that you do so legally and with regard for other road users and local residents. Please be considerate of other drivers and adhere to the speed limit - the route around the school is tricky for everyone.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is a visible enactment of the school's identity and the high standards that we (parents, staff & governors) have for the school and its pupils. Wearing our uniform ensures that every child is, and feels, part of the school family - providing inclusion and equality. Please find attached our agreed uniform requirements.

PE days and PE uniform

Children should continue to arrive for school wearing their PE kit on their class PE days. Please ensure that your child's PE kit complies with the published uniform requirements – plain/school logoed navy-blue round neck T-shirt, plain navy-blue shorts, plain navy-blue tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit top. Again, our PE uniform provides a visible enactment of our high standards and provides a common identity which provides inclusion and equality for all children.

For safety of the children, children are required to remove all jewellery for PE lessons, including earrings. Guidance from our sports advisors prevents the use of tape over earrings, so if your child cannot remove and reinsert their earring please ensure they do not wear them on PE days. I realise that in the past tape has been used but this will not continue as this still provides increased risk of injury compared with removal. Thank you.

Attendance

100% attendance is everyone's ideal aim, but coughs and sneezes do sometimes come along to scupper our plans. If your child is going to be absent, for any reason, it is essential that you let us know before 9am on the day of absence. Government guidance requires us to follow up any unexplained absence as part of our safeguarding procedures. If you fail to inform us, we are required to contact you to ascertain the reason for absence and if we are unable to do that on the telephone, we are required to conduct a house visit in order to establish the safety of the absent pupil and family members. In order to prevent any unnecessary inconvenience, please do remember to contact us if your child is going to be absent from school.

Wrap around Care

We continue to provide breakfast club and after school childcare. If you need to access this service, please contact the office for more information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you have found the updates useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information regarding the contents of this letter or any other aspect of your child's education.

Best regards,

Mrs Michelle Parker
Head Teacher



Dates for 2022/23 – Term One and Two

September	
Monday 5 th	Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th	Term One Starts
Friday 9 th	Year 1 – 6 Circus Skills Day
Tuesday 13 th	Swimming Starts for Year 5 and 6
Saturday 17 th	11+ Test in Spalding (Y6)
Saturday 24 th	11+ Test in Spalding (Y6)
Tuesday 27 th	Phonics Information Evening – Reception and Year 1 parents
Tuesday 27 th	Friends of School AGM – all welcome – 5pm in school
Friday 30 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning Event – 2pm – all welcome
October	
Wednesday 5 th	Tag Rugby Competition for selected children
Monday 17 th	Parents Evening
Tuesday 18 th	Parents Evening
Friday 21 st	Harvest Festival (Provisional)
Friday 21 st	End of Term One
Monday 31 st	Term Two Starts
November	
Wednesday 9 th	Reception Class of 2023/24 Open Morning
Thursday 10 th	Flu Vaccines for all registered children
Thursday 17 th	Road Safety Education – various classes
Friday 18 th	Learn to Ride – Year 1 to 4 registered children
Friday 18 th	Children in Need
December	
Thursday 1 st	Christingle Service – Year 5 and 6 (Provisional)
Wednesday 7 th	Throwing and Catching Competition – Year 1 and 2 – selected children
Friday 9 th	Bikeability Level 3 – registered children from Year 6
Monday 12 th	Santa’s Grotto – FOS Event (Provisional)
Tuesday 13 th	Christmas Play – Year R-2
Wednesday 14 th	Archery Competition – Year 3-6 – selected children
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Play – Year R-2
Thursday 15 th	Carol Service (Provisional)
Friday 16 th	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16 th	Bikeability Level 3 – registered children from Year 6
Friday 16 th	End of Term Two

Fleet Wood Lane - Our Uniform

Girls

Red sweatshirt jumper/cardigan (school logoed or plain)

White or red polo shirt

Dark grey (charcoal) or black trousers, dress, skirt or school shorts

Red and white checked dress

Red fleece jacket (outside wear)

Boys

Red round-neck sweatshirt jumper (school logoed or plain)

White or red polo shirt

Dark grey (charcoal) or black trousers or school shorts



White/red polo shirt worn tucked into trousers/skirts

Red logoed (or plain) sweatshirt jumper or cardigan

Dark grey (charcoal) or black trousers, or shorts; dark grey or black school dress or skirt; red and white checked summer dresses

White, black or grey plain coloured socks or tights and black school shoes (no trainers)



Outdoor shoes/wellington boots

As we use the outdoor field at playtimes – in all seasons – your child will need a spare pair of shoes/trainers in school to change into at playtime. Wellingtons are needed in wet/winter weather, as the field can be muddy.

PE Kit

Plain navy-blue or school logoed T-shirt and navy-blue shorts for indoor lessons.

Children will also need trainers, navy-blue tracksuit or warm navy-blue leggings worn with a plain navy sweatshirt for outdoor games.

Fleece jackets, logoed jumpers/cardigans, logoed PE T-shirts, PE shorts, drawstring PE bags and book bags bearing the school logo, are available from Shotbowl. Logoed uniform is not mandatory plain, supermarket uniform is entirely acceptable.

It is essential that you name label all items of clothing and PE equipment, otherwise it is impossible for us to return misplaced items to their rightful owner. Sewn in name labels are the best - as they don't wash off or out!

