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Dogs in and around school

We would like to remind parents that dogs should not be brought onto the school playground. I would be grateful if dogs could be tethered away from the entrances to school as even the best behaved dogs can cause anxiety for our young children. Many thanks for your co-operation not his matter.

Website

There have been many trips and events taking place recently at school. 10 children in Y4 also attended a 'Play in a Day' event in Cheadle with 3 other local schools. Photos can be found on the school website on the class pages.

You can now download a booking form for the before and after school club for September from the website.

Please remember that the weekly newsletter can be found on the homepage and earlier additions are stored under the 'School Information' menu.

Strike Action

You may be aware that there are a number of public sector unions going out on strike on Thursday 10th July. This will involve Teaching assistants, cleaning staff, site managers, kitchen staff as well as teachers. I am informing you today that we will be facing a partial closure next week and the following classes will be closed:

- 1B
- 1H
- 3T
- 3FM
- 6N - due to PPA cover

Breakfast Club on the 10th will also be cancelled.

We will be running on a much reduced staff but have endeavoured to keep open for as many classes as possible

School Meals

If your child currently takes a school meal you will have been sent home an order form to complete and return to school. If you have not done this, please ensure it is handed to your class teacher on Monday. Forms need to be NAMED and handed to the teacher, not at the school office. They will be used to enable the class teachers to give out the correct coloured wristband in order to ensure they receive the correct meal.





Lost Property

- * We have a building pile of lost property! Please ensure all school uniform is named so items can be returned to their owners. When we have a clear sunny day, we will lay lost garments out in the playground to be re-claimed. We will send a text out to give you advance notice of this.

Sickness

- * Can we also put out a reminder to parents who may or not be aware of the 48 hour policy regarding sickness and diarrhoea. Children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This is to prevent the spread of germs and illness through school

Raffle Prize

We have one remaining raffle prize from the Family Performance Evening. We don't have a name on the back of it, so please check your tickets. The winner is an orange ticket, number 456, serial number AW7z SJ44. Your prize of a luxurious Lush product is waiting in the office.

Behaviour in School

The staff and I are becoming increasingly concerned with behaviour through school. We have spent several staff meetings discussing the policy and the courses of action to take when school rules are not followed. We have also devised a working party of Year 5 and 6 children who have been talking to me about what they would like to see in place regarding discipline.

The new ladder of consequences has been formulated and instead of waiting until September to implement, we have decided to bring in the new procedures on Monday. The main changes relate to KS2: children will be given 3 verbal warnings when not following rules, followed by a time out in the class which will be recorded in a behaviour book. This can then be communicated to you at Parents Evenings. Following time out, a 15 minute lunchtime detention will be served (this was requested by the children); this will be recorded in the homework diary so you are aware of sanctions carried out at home. Repeated detentions will result in a phone call home from myself to parents to discuss further actions.

When the Governors have reviewed the policy, we will put it on the website in order for you to read the full detail. I will inform you when this happens. We hope these procedures will form tighter guidance for both teachers and pupils and fully inform parents about the behaviour of their child. If you would like further information regarding this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

