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Welcome Back

Firstly and most importantly—welcome back. It is absolutely brilliant to have all our children back at school and if you'll forgive the analogy, it was as if our two buildings had come back to life yesterday.

Secondly, my thanks to the very supportive ways in which parents have adapted to the changes that we've put in place. I appreciate that there are a few teething problems with timings and congestion and we will make tweaks to the paper plans that we put in place to alleviate these as the weeks progress.

Finally—Please read the newsletter and take on board our communications with you. One of our biggest frustrations is when parents say to us that they didn't know something—when we'd put that very information in the newsletter and sent it in an email.

Lets Talk Emails

The school sent out three emails to parents with parental responsibility last week. These emails were cunningly titled 'Welcome Back 1, 2 and 3'

This afternoon at approximately 3.15p.m. this newsletter will also be emailed out to you.

If you did not receive the emails last week and have not received the email of the newsletter sent out today, please let either school office know and give us your email address.

We can then update our system and try to make sure that you do not miss out on any school communications.

Many Thanks

PE

From next week PE will start at school and on these days children should come to school in their PE kit.

Year 1

Circus: Monday & Wednesday
Roses: Wednesday & Thursday
Eagles: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Year 3

Dutch: Wednesday & Friday
Paxman: Wednesday & Friday
Iceni: Monday & Wednesday

Year 4

Castle: Monday & Wednesday
Garrison: Monday & Friday
Cavalier: Monday & Friday

Year 5

Monday & Friday

Year 6

Lathe: Monday & Tuesday
Cymbeline: Tuesday & Wednesday
Trinovantes: Tuesday & Friday

New Term Kit List

Parents have done a brilliant job in making sure that their children are correctly turned out for school—so thank you. Just a reminder going forward.

Children MUST have:

Full school uniform—including school shoes.

PE kit

Tracksuit—either blue or black

On their PE days children MUST come into school in their PE kit, which would include their track-suit.

Waterproof coat.

Please remember that we will be taking the children outside in all weathers for breaks, lunch and PE. Therefore a waterproof coat is quite important!

Stationary (colouring pencils, pens, etc) - children can have their own things but they cannot share them.

Water Bottle

EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE NAMED PLEASE.

Year 5 Parents—Danbury

For those children going to Danbury, everything you need to know has either been sent to you or was given to you at the meetings last night. The information is also on the schools website in 'Parent Information' and then 'Danbury.'

This includes the timings and the essential kit list—which, as well as a coat, also includes things such as a sleeping bag, pillow and pillow case and teddy bear!

We must have a completed & signed medical consent form before children can go. We are missing a few and these have again been given out to children today. Please double check with your child and make sure you both complete this and bring it to school on Monday.

For Year 5 children not going to Danbury, you should come to school as normal. Mrs Simmons will be taking you and you will need your PE kit on Monday.

Reading Books

We are depleted by quite a few school reading books. Please could you have a root around at home and see if you can unearth any school books. These should then be brought back into school and popped in the requisite boxes in the library so they can be cleaned before we put them back on the shelves.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

Malcolm Gladwell

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

Start Times and Staggered Finish and an end to Lining up before school from September

Parents are obviously now very aware that children are coming straight into school and after some initial confusion, which was to be expected on the first day back, this has begun working very well. Many thanks for all your support with this.

From Monday, we will be changing the Year 5 finish time and the way they exit the building at AF. The Year 5 start time and entry to the building in the morning will not change.

There will also be some changes, which I will advise you about next week, for the finish time of our EYFS children.

The timings for all other classes remain as they currently are.

Timings are as follows:

AF

Year 1 8.45 start—3.05 finish (coming in through the double doors on the main playground)

Year 5—8.45 start—3.15 finish (coming straight in via the side door opposite the cricket pitch, **leaving via the double doors on the main playground**)

Year 6 8.45 start—3.15 finish (coming straight in via classrooms)

I fully appreciate that the finish timings for Year 5 and 6 create a challenge for parents if they are collecting children from Year 2 and 3 at Town. The schools' intention has always been that we keep our start and finish times as close as is reasonable to prevent parents having extended waits for different classes.

As Year 5/6 are our oldest children and the walk from AF to T is as safe as walking routes can be, with a pelican crossing and a large proportion of parents also making that walk. These children (Year 5/6) are capable of sensibly making that walk themselves and meeting you at the T site.

In those situations, parents at T should obviously wait for their child to arrive or agree with their child where they will meet them. If you are going to wait on the school site at T—please find a space somewhere that is out of the way and does not block the main thoroughfare.

T

Year 2 9.00 start—3.20 finish (coming into school by the side door opposite the astro surface —parents please wait on the astro surface)

Year 3 9.00 start— 3.20 finish (coming into school from the side door by the pergola—large playground)

Year 4 9.00 start—3.30 finish (coming into school via undercover area—Middle playground)

Year 3 and Year 4 children will come straight out and go straight to parents if they are being collected—class teachers will not be handing them directly to parents

One Way System at AF and T

Many thanks to you all for supporting this. Our One Way system will remain as it currently is with a couple of changes at T only.

1, We will open the double gates for the playpark to allow more space for parents to wait and to create additional space for parents to exit, which will hopefully alleviate some of the bottle neck we had yesterday from the middle playground onto the large playground.

2, For Breakfast Club at T, parents do not need to follow the One Way system. Please do not use the School Car Park, but rather park at the front of the school. Please then take your children through the playground to the hall. You can then exit the same way. Likewise, you can park at the rear of the school on Walsingham Road and slip in and out through the rear gates of the school.

Please don't use the school car park as we have staff continually arriving at this time of morning.

There are some additional news items in the content of the email, that will be sent out today at 3.15.