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Dear Parents

I would like to welcome you to the new school year with a special greeting to our new pupils' parents. The term has started well and the five-day week hot lunch offer seems to be going down well with our pupils, with our new caterers 'Crumbs' carefully monitoring how their food is being received.

There have been two successful events this term already; the PTA organised a family Barbeque in the first week for parents to renew friendships and make new ones and

Genes for Jeans day last Friday which raised over £70 for the charity and also added to the pupils awareness of disabilities.

This Friday 29th we are holding a MacMillan Coffee morning from 9am until 11.30am in the school hall. Join us for coffee and cake and bring a friend.

We will also be taking part in Children in Need on Friday 17th November



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating harvest this year on October 2nd at 9am.

Rev Rachel Ross from St Peters church will be hosting our assembly and parents are welcome to attend.

We will be collecting non-perishable foods to donate to the Salvation Army, who will then distribute to those in need, in and around Reading.

Donations are welcome in the morning of the assembly and will be collected on a table outside the hall.

After the success of last year's vegetable sculpting competition, the children are keen to take part again this year, so time to get creative.

The competition will be judged at the end of the assembly, so please drop off your child's amazing work of art in the morning of the 2nd (another table will be set up outside the hall for these).

Influenza Inoculations

The NHS immunisation team will be here on Wednesday 11th November to immunise pupils in Reception up to Year 4; an information letter and form is attached and the form must be returned by Friday 29th September whether you consent to the inoculation or not.

A few school reminders:

Please could I ask parents not to drive into the grounds at the start or end of the school day in order to help keep everyone safe.

Please remember that on swimming days pupils need to bring coats and a warm hat.

Now that Years 4 to 6 know where their classrooms are in the main building parents no longer need to take them into their classrooms, all morning goodbyes can now be said outside the building please.

Early Birds Club and After School Care

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 can be dropped off from 8.00 am into the Early Birds Club. This runs until 8:35 am when the children are escorted to their classrooms. The cost of the Early Bird facility is £3 per child per morning.

After School Club runs each day from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm in the nursery building. Children are escorted there from their classrooms and are provided with a healthy snack and drink at 4.00 pm. Indoor games and outdoor play equipment are available during this time

Charges for After School Care are as follows:

Up to 4.00pm - £4.00 Up to 5.00pm - £8.00 Up to 6.00pm - £11.00

With best wishes for the coming term



Nigel Balchin
Interim Head