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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the beautiful summer weather!

With the end of term drawing near, here are some important updates before our final newsletter next Friday!

September Arrangements

Unless there is a change to the Covid situation, school will be resuming business as normal in September! This will mean no bubbles or staggered starts or ends to the day. We may well decide to keep some of the systems that promote cleanliness, such as extra handwashing and extra cleaning of the school during the day. Next week, we will be sending out a letter detailing information about collection and drop off points and other key arrangements for September.

Staffing

We will be incredibly sad to be saying farewell to two members of staff next Friday. Mrs Parsons will be moving to take up a role in human resources in a school in York and Miss Birrell has secured a post as SENDCo in a school in Beverley. We would like to wish both of them every success and happiness in their new positions and they will be very much missed!

It is also regrettable that Mrs Richardson will not be able to continue in her post, teaching class Backshall for the remaining week of term. Mr Rohsius will be teaching the class in her place.

We are delighted to announce that we have four new members of staff joining us in September. Mrs Gilson will be taking up her role as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), who will be working with children that need support with their anxiety, emotions, anger and many other issues. Mrs Gilson is very experienced in this role and will be able to really make a difference to many children in school.

Mr Bragg will be joining us in September as an HLTA (higher level teaching assistant) and Mrs Pritchard, Miss Purkis and Mrs Auton have been appointed as teaching assistants. We are really delighted to welcome them all!

Reading Books

This week, children have been bringing in their reading books to be collected in for the summer holidays. Children will now not be given another book to read at home before we break up as we are in the process of setting up a brand, new, exciting programme ready for September. Teaching staff will be continuing to collect in books next week. Please have a good look around your house as we still have a number of books missing. We won't be able to provide the usual reading books for children to read over the 6 weeks holidays. However, we have signed up to a summer reading programme where your child will have access to thousands of digital, online books. More details on this will be on next week's newsletter.

Jumpers

We have many school jumpers and cardigans that have been accumulating in reception, all un-named! If you know that your child has mislaid one, please feel free to come to reception to see if you can identify it. Any that are unclaimed by the end of term will be washed and put into our 'seconds' store.

Outdoor Changes

We are very excited to be having three big additions to our outdoor area over the summer holidays. Firstly, we have purchased outdoor gym equipment to go onto the front playground for the children to use at break and lunchtime but also as part of PE lessons. Secondly, we are adding to our adventure play area on the back field, with more pieces of equipment such as monkey bars and rollover bars. Thirdly, the whole of the front of school is being re-tarmacked and the large area to the left of the front door is being enclosed to create an outdoor classroom.

Hopefully all of these changes will allow children to enjoy being outside and provide a greater range of physical activities for them to choose from.

Water bottles

We still have a handful of children across school who are not bringing a water bottle to school. This is really detrimental to their health and impacts on their ability to concentrate in class as well. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle next week as the weather is forecast to be very warm.

Healthy Break Time Snacks

We are happy for children to be a snack for break time but this should be something healthy – fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese and crackers, cereal or cereal bar. Children should not bring crisps, cakes, pastries or biscuit type food for their break time snack.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Sarah Carlisle

Head of School