



Dear Families and Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to say "welcome back to school" as we start another new academic year. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces in the playground yesterday morning as children prepared to start the new term. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new children and families who are joining us for the first time and to Mrs Nesbitt who is joining the staff team as our new Assistant Headteacher and Year 2 teacher.

I usually wait a few more days into the first term to share news and key dates with you but feel the need at this time to remind you about some safety issues as we continue to manage our roofing project. Please see the article overleaf and support us during this time by not driving or parking cars on Bazley Road. We are facing some parking challenges (more than usual) and your co-operation is very important.

I wish everyone an enjoyable first week in their new classes and a successful year ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Welcome evening on Wednesday of next week (10th September), starting at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out a little more about the expectations and curriculum of the year group, including homework and other teaching arrangements.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY for EARLY SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4 th September, 6.15pm	Year 6 parents' meeting (Isle of Man) followed by ...
Thursday 4 th September, 7.15pm	Year 6 parents' meeting (Secondary admissions)
Wednesday 10 th September, 6.30pm	Welcome / Curriculum evening meeting for parents
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th September	Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Man

Please note that you will not receive information about the term ahead from your child's teacher until next Wednesday (10th September). These will be given out during the welcome meeting alongside a pack of resources for you and your child. Parents who do not attend the meeting will receive this information the following day.

BUILDING WORK

As mentioned in our last newsletter, major work was carried out on the school roof during the summer holidays. The project has suffered some delays and this morning we returned to school with scaffolding in the playground. We are hoping that this scaffolding will be removed by the end of this week. In the meantime, please take extra care in the playground. No running please.



As planned, work will be continuing on the roof above the school office and Key Stage 1 corridor for the next 6-8 weeks. The scaffolding at the front of the building will therefore remain in place. Please take extra care when entering the school's main entrance. Please **DO NOT** allow your children to run in the car park, play chase or use the scaffolding or storage containers as a hiding place. It is dangerous. Thank you for your co-operation.

Given the need to still have a skip on site, we have placed this in the best possible position at the far end of the infant playground. This area has been closed off with a fence. Access to the playground via the side entrance will therefore not be possible for the next few weeks and the door leading out to the playground from our Community (After-School Club) room will be locked at all times. Parents of children in after-school club are asked to access the playground, if necessary, via the side door then use the infant corridor and exit to playground using the blue door at the top of the corridor.

PARKING on BAZLEY ROAD : PLEASE SUPPORT US

Given that we are short of parking spaces for the next few weeks, more staff will need to use Bazley Road to park their cars for work. This is necessary for some staff, given the boxes and bags of resources and children's books that need to be carried by teachers into school every day. We are therefore asking parents to avoid driving into or parking on Bazley Road. This is a frequent request but is particularly important during the next few weeks. If you park your car, even for a short while, staff may need to wait for a parking space and this will cause congestion for everyone. We also remind everyone that you must not park in front of our neighbours' driveways. We know it is convenient to park outside school but it is actually not that helpful to us at any time.

DINNER MONEY and MILK MONEY

We remind you that the cost of school meals is now **£2.25 per meal**, that is **£11.25 per week**. The cost of milk is now **£6.00 per term**. Milk money for the term needs to be paid by the end of this week if your child is to have milk this term. Please do not forget that dinner money, milk money and fees for most other activities should always be paid in advance. It should now be easier for you to pay for school items in the following way ...



DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR LETTER ABOUT ONLINE PAYMENTS?

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to use our new *Parent Pay* system. If you have not yet registered online, please do so this week so that you can begin to pay for school items online. If you need another activation letter, please contact the school office so that we can arrange for your activation details to be sent to you again. Many of you like the texting system we have had in operation for a number of years. We will be using the *Parent Pay* system to send texts from the end of September. It is therefore important that everyone registers for this service ... parents who do not register for *Parent Pay* will not receive texts from the school after this time.