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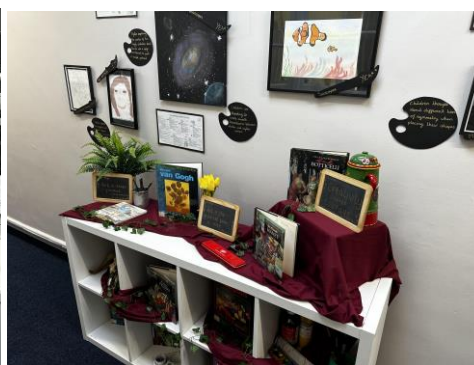
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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful week back at school. The children have behaved wonderfully and have been enjoying getting straight back to their learning!

Over the holidays, we have had some new carpet fitted in school and we are really proud of how great the school is looking. We are looking forward to showing you when you come in for the reading meeting next week!



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Curriculum

The start of a new term means the start of a new topic! Throughout Autumn term, all children will be exploring the theme of Identity, Diversity and Social Justice. Different year groups will be looking at examples of when things were not always fair or just in society so that they can learn important messages from this. This also supports children learning about equality. Here are the exciting topics:

- Year 1 - Why were Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale treated differently?
- Year 2 - What impact did Christopher Columbus have on the Native American people?
- Year 3 - How did the Stone Age lead the way to civilisation?
- Year 4 - What were the social classes of the Shang Dynasty?
- Year 5 - What influence did Bentley Colliery have on the community?
- Year 6 - Were all children in Europe impacted the same in World War II?

Each week, you will be sent a letter from teachers explaining what children are learning. This will help you to talk about it at home.

Learning with parents digital reading journal

This year, we are changing our approach to reading records. You were sent a letter about this during the week. You are also invited to a launch event with your child's class teacher on **Tuesday 12th September at 3.40**. Your child can attend this with you. If you cannot attend the meeting, do not worry. We will make sure that someone from school can help you if you need it.

Attendance

It is really important that your child attends school every day so they do not miss out on learning opportunities. Children who miss school frequently do find it hard to keep up with the rest of their class. Please ensure that you notify the school when your child is absent. If your child is absent from school and you have not informed school about the absence, we will attempt to contact you. If we are unable to reach you, we will conduct a home-visit to make sure that you are ok. Please can you keep us informed of any absences as home visits can be hard to manage during a busy school day.

If children achieve a full weeks attendance they are able to wear a top of their choice. Please remember that this will be monitored by the class teacher.

Cash4kids disco - Friday 15th September.

Last term we took part in Hallam FM's 'popstar day' - we were entered into a raffle and WON a disco for all the children! This will take place next Friday 15th September. This will take place during school and children can come in their own clothes.





SENCO coffee morning and meet and greet Tuesday 12th September 9 - 10am.

On Tuesday 12th September 9 - 10, we will be holding our first coffee morning on the year. Our school SENCOs, Mrs Davey and Mrs Cartwright, will be available to talk to about any SEN questions or concerns about your child. Our pastoral team, Mrs Day and/or Mrs Davies, will be available to speak to as well.

Jigsaw - Being me in my world!

Our school follows the Jigsaw PSHE programme which teaches our children all about personal, social and health education as well as mindfulness. Each term has a different theme and to start the year off it is 'being me in my world'. Children will spend time getting to know each other and their new classes. They will focus on the importance to respect each other differences and celebrate their own individualities. They will also revisit the school rules and routines.

School Uniform

Please make sure that all items of uniform including coats are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will help us to prevent items getting lost. Children are asked not to wear jewellery. If necessary one small pair of stud ear-rings and a watch will be permitted. However, the school will not take responsibility for any items that are lost or stolen.

Dress code for our school:

- Red Sweatshirt/Jumper/Cardigan/Red or White Polo shirt / T-shirt
- White Shirt/ Blouse
- Black or Grey Trousers/ Skirt/pinafore
- Black Shoes (if trainers avoid bright colours and logos). Alternatively, black plimsolls may be worn inside with old shoes/ trainers for outdoor wear at playtimes, lunchtimes, etc.

PE Kit:

- Indoor PE Kit: Black shorts and White T-shirts are to be worn. Please do not send football shirts or other coloured T-shirts for PE.
- Outdoor Games Kit: Children should have a pair of pumps or training shoes for outdoor games lessons. Many children also wear dark coloured, plain tracksuits for outdoor games.

If you wish your child to wear stud earrings please ensure they are able to remove the earrings themselves for PE lessons.

Hair:





We expect a sensible approach to hairstyles. Whilst doing PE long hair should be tied up with a soft band.

Equipment and PE:

Children in KS2 are allowed to bring into school their own pencil case. However, this is not an expectation. If children do choose to do this, they are responsible for their own equipment.

All children are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle into school. This must contain water only

School uniform must be worn at all times. On PE days, children must bring their PE kit into school unless contacted by the teacher.

If children have 100% weekly attendance, they can wear their own top on a Friday as part of 'Fashion Friday'

Children are encouraged to bring their reading book to school each day.

If it is necessary, on occasion, for children to bring a mobile phone, for contact purposes after school for example, then it must be handed in at the office for safe-keeping. It will be the responsibility of the child to collect it at the end of the day.

Diary Dates

Attached within this email are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick
Principal

