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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome children through the gates once more as we started our new academic year. There were lots of children who had grown over the summer and everyone looked smart in their new uniform. I felt incredibly proud in my assembly on Wednesday as I saw children entering respectfully and showcasing that excellent behaviour. Walking around the school later, there was a lovely buzz of learning with children forging new and exciting learning partners in their classes. A huge thank you to all the Speenhamland staff who worked so tirelessly over the summer to ensure everything was ready for the children.

To help encourage that independence and ownership with our pupils, I politely ask that parents remember the arrangements for dropping off in the morning. **It is only our new EYFS parents that should be bringing their children onto the playground for drop-off.** From year 1 onwards, we expect our pupils to walk in by themselves. If you have particular messages you wish to pass on to the teacher, the senior leadership team will be available every morning. Similarly, if your child has a wobble about coming in, we can support them and walk them into class.

Linking onto this, I would also like to reinforce the kind offer Waitrose have given for parents to park in their car park and walk down to school. Especially with the lovely weather at the moment, we would encourage pupils to use walk and stride to support a healthy lifestyle and reduce traffic outside the school.

On a final note, I wanted to encourage all of our parents to continue their wonderful support with daily reading and Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars. Please continue with those important foundations that make such a difference to children's learning. At the end of September, we will hold a special assembly to celebrate the Library Reading Challenge. If your child has taken part, they should give their certificate to their class teacher before then.

Enjoy a restful, sunny weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term 1	06-09-23 to 19-10-23
Half Term	23-10-23 to 27-10-23
Term 6	30-10-23 to 20-12-23 1 pm

Spring Term 2024

Term 3	09-01-24 to 08-02-24
Half Term	12-02-24 to 16-02-24
Term 4	19-02-24 to 27-03-24 1 pm

Summer Term 2024

Term 5	15-04-24 to 24-05-24
Half Term	27-05-24 to 31-05-24
Term 6	03-06-24 to 24-07-24 1 pm

Staff Training:

20-10-23
21-12-23
08-01-24
09-02-24
28-03-24
21-06-24



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 102

2nd Laal 76

3rd Zolty 74

4th Verde 68

Congratulations to Azul!



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