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**Autumn term**

**Welcome back to everyone** and we hope you had a good summer, which was fairly dry, so hope you were able to get out and about. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces coming in through the school doors this week.

This is a longer term running up to the end of October, but an exciting one for pupils settling back into their classes and with new peers and staff to get to know.

It will also be our **Ofsted** inspection year again. We have been working to develop our **curriculum**, our **assessment** and the Governors have been very active within school getting to know even more about us and supporting our work.

If you would like to take part in the online survey which is available, and put forward your contributions about school, please visit:

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

And we thank you for all your support.

**Governors:**

We have 2 new Governors starting this term. Reverend Gareth Higgs and Cassie Holmes (parent) will be joining us. For a full list of our Governors please see the school website.



**Information update.**

**Please make sure you give school any changes of telephone numbers etc, so we can amend our records for contact and ensure that you are contactable in case of emergencies. Thank you.**

**Speech and language therapy support.**

There will be some additional time from Speech and language therapy again this year. This is to support our whole school communication developments.

If you **do not** wish your child to receive any additional class support time please put this in writing to Helen Smith via school. Much of the time this year will be allocated to additional training support for staff.



**Parent and carer coffee morning.**

This will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00-11.15 am at school. Please put this date in your diary. Maureen, (whose daughter Greta, is in the secondary department), will be here to welcome you. Please come for a drink, biscuit and a chat with other parents and carers. Letters will be sent out soon. If you don't want to come on your own you could bring a relative or friend if you wish. Just let us know for numbers.

**School developments:**

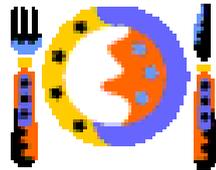
We had 2 outside canopies put up over summer so play times and some learning sessions can be accessed outside even when it rains!

One more canopy will be installed in the autumn half term break. We have also had a wheelchair swing installed. We will continue to adapt our playground environment



## Information reminders:

- All children between aged between 5 and 7 years old, and up to the end of their year of the 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, (Reception, year 1 and year 2), now receive free school meals.
- School meals cost £10.75 for the week.



- Please label clothing to help us return it to the correct child.



- Queen Street swimming is on Tuesdays, so please send kits and towels and a contribution of just £2 is requested to support the transport costs, thank you.
- If your son or daughter uses the school hydrotherapy pool, the class team will notify you of the day. Please send 2 towels and their costume for this session.



- A reminder that if your son or daughter has sickness or diarrhoea, under the Health protection Agency guidance, they are required to stay away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. Thank you.
- If they are on antibiotics they need to stay at home for 48 hours after commencing them and only return if they are well enough to do so. Thank you.
- All medicines for school use must be handed to escorts and not placed in pupil bags.
- Please inform our nursing team of any changes of medication when they occur to keep our records up to date. Thank you