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Autumn Term

Newsletter 1

30th August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of my staff and Governors, I hope you have had a good summer holiday and had a chance to recharge ready for the busy year ahead. I write before we return to share some key information.

New staff

We are delighted to welcome **6 new staff members** for the new year!

- ✓ Mr Bradley – Class teacher in Year 4/5
- ✓ Miss Tucker & Miss Durham – Nursery practitioners
- ✓ Miss Griffiths-Jones & Miss Wager – LSA Apprentices
- ✓ Miss Ruiz – lunchtime supervisor

I am sure they will all become successful and excellent members of our staff team and we look forward to working with them.

Children return on Thursday 5th September.

Gates will open 8.40 – 8.50am. **Please be on time** and get routines established from Day 1.

Initially, it may be tricky, but starting off in the right way will definitely support you and your child as we progress into the new term.

Clubs will start from Monday 16th September – letters will be sent out next week.

Starlyngs

If you need to use Wrap Around Care, please book as you usually do, or email before 4th September.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is in school uniform with black shoes / completely black trainers.

As last year, the only logo item of clothing needs to be the jumper / cardigan. Take advantage of local supermarkets who sell white polo tops, black / grey trousers, black / grey shorts, grey skirts at reasonable prices. Children will not be allowed to wear jewellery. For earrings, only small studs are allowed. PE kit must be white T-shirts and black shorts. Trainers are preferred to daps.

Summer Holiday & Ongoing Improvement works

I write to update all parents and carers of the extensive improvement works recently carried out, with some on-going. It would have been miraculous for everything to have been completed within the summer holidays, and therefore some will be ongoing into the new academic year. **The site will be secure and all works will be cordoned off to avoid any additional workers helping out the construction workers!** Children enjoyed watching the Safe Play being constructed in the summer term and could see how things progressed. The outdoor area has been arranged so children enjoy their time outside.



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D block... (Nursery, EYFS, Willow and Cherry)

- Classroom displays have been minimised with rooms made good and painted.
- Nursery partial wall has been removed, new carpets have been laid and all doors have now been fitted with safety double-handles.
- New resources have been bought and are ready to use!

C block... (Whitebeam, Beech, Holly)

- The flat roof and gas pipes have been completely replaced.
- Classroom displays have been minimised and rooms made good.
- Sewage drains have been replaced, so we are hoping for no further blockage issues.

B block... (Rowan & S Birch)

- The 2 classrooms have reduced the number of display boards and rooms made good.

A block... (Year 6)

- The old meeting room has been converted to Mr Barry's office. Children will not be permitted to enter this room, and it will be locked.
- Year 6 classroom arrangement was swapped around at the end of last year - much improved.
- The old library is now an intervention room.
- Starlyngs will remain in its current location.

Outside area in Nursery / KS1 playground

- Nursery entrance - 2 trees heavily pollarded. 1 felled.
- Fencing EYFS / KS1 replaced with improved fencing.
- Short fencing relocated to above wall around KS1 playground.
- Nursery play area, major improvement works on-going, which will be completed by end of October.
- Temporary gate has been installed for September, which is just beside the normal Nursery entrance.

The Nursery

Although outside will not be finished, the inside has received a wonderful make-over with new resources. With new staff start as well, we enter a new and exciting era, with Mrs Gemma John and Kim Barratt managing the provision – alongside their current roles. The children will love their new Nursery!

Kitchen

- We are becoming a production kitchen once again! Our food will be cooked on site, and we will also supply North Curry and West Buckland by the end of September. Nerrols will only produce for themselves.
- New equipment, utensils and items all installed. The kitchen looks amazing once again!

Main entrance with improved security systems

- This work has been severely delayed, so it will be 'as you were' for the first few weeks. School will remain fully secure and there will be no disruption to children's learning when the works begin.



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Wobbly boards – KS2 area

- After 20+ years, these had been condemned. It is now a quiet area for children to enjoy.

**Morning Gates open 8.40am and shut at 8.50am – please be on time.
Children in Reception and KS1 use Bircham Road gate. KS2 use Luxhay Close gate.**

Attendance Update

A new policy is being introduced by Richard Huish Trust which we will follow.

By ensuring your child has good attendance, you will avoid receiving letters and having meetings about your child's attendance should it drop below expected levels. More information will be shared in coming weeks.

Target for children will be 96%. Below 90% are classed as Persistent Absence.

PTFA News

In coming weeks, you will receive information about how you can join our brilliant PTFA team. The team work hard to raise funds for our school. Please be ready to help out at events and if possible, join our committee.

100% funds raised will be spent on our school to further improve its resources.

Starlyngs – Wraparound care. Phone Number: 07493 977397

As the office closes at 4pm every day, when collecting your child, please call the number above to let the staff member know you are ready to collect. If you are collecting your child from Starlyngs before 4.30pm, please use the main gate. If collecting after 4.30pm, collect from the Nursery gate.

Please secure your child's place well in advance as it will be unlikely you will be able to book a place with minimal notice.

The school office will reopen on Tuesday 3rd September from 8am-4pm. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email: office@lp.huish.education

Kind regards

Nick Arnold