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Dear Parents and Carers

PTFA Summer Fayre – SUCCESS!

Despite the foul conditions, thank you to all who enjoyed the event. Well done if you managed to remain dry and some were positively soaked! From both 'smaller' Summer Fayres, we've raised just over **£1400** – which will be used to further improve our school resources. **Good work PTFA!!**

Security and Site Improvements

The first stage of the main entrance improvements has now been completed. It means all visitors have to go directly to the main office, and can no longer gain access to anywhere in the school.

Whilst we would all prefer less fencing; it was installed to keep us all safe and hopefully prevent the unthinkable happening!

School Meals – late orders have implications

Please order your hot meals by the deadline. Meals are ordered in 3-week blocks. The deadline is always midnight on the Monday for the *following* week. (Always ordering a week in advance). Therefore, if you miss the deadline, you will need to provide your child with a healthy packed lunch for the whole week as meals are made to order.

Healthy Lunchbox – a reminder...it is in A-Z for Parents.

We strongly encourage children to be provided with a healthy lunch, containing fruit and nutritious foods, if they are bringing a packed lunch. Foods with high levels of sugar must be minimised. We do not allow fizzy drinks. When children consume a high level of sugary foods, there is often a negative impact on their focus and behaviour. As parents, we all know this! Thank you for your support. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

PLEASE HELP....

PLEASE SLOW DOWN along Bircham Road!

We've had 2 or 3 near misses recently...**some people are driving too fast pass our school gates.** Furthermore, although we remind our children about road safety, some children have more road safety-sense than others. As drivers, we must take care, especially when children are coming out of the footpath at the bottom of the site onto Bircham Road, opposite Blackdown Road.

We also **remind parents to park considerately and do not block driveways** – it is unfair to block drives of our neighbours!

LUXHAY CLOSE – too many cars turning by the gate.

Please drop your child off when you enter to Luxhay Close. Children can then safely walk down on the pavement. Parents who turn around directly outside the school gate are increasing the chance of having an accident with a child. A 50m walk is safer.

Class Dojo – Parents please be mindful.

An essential method of communication for all parents to know what is happening. Staff will post information and news on this platform and if you have any minor issues, this can be used to ask questions. If you are not set up on Class Dojo, please speak with your child's class teacher who will invite you to join the group. Newsletters will be sent via Class Dojo as well as MCAS. **Whilst you can contact teachers on dojo, please do not expect an answer out of working hours.** Please read Newsletters and other information before asking a question on dojo.

Nut Allergy. We are a NO NUT school.



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Morning Gates open 8.40am and shut at 8.50am.

Children in Reception and KS1 use Bircham Road gate. KS2 use Luxhay Close gate.

Attendance Update

Our new Attendance Policy, directed from the Government, is on our website.

Our attendance is already slipping below other schools locally.

This will result in Penalty notices being sent out to those who have 5 days of unauthorised absences over a 10-week period - it does not have to be consecutive.

Boys (94.2%). Girls (93.9%).

Pupil Premium 89.7% EAL 93.5%. SEND 81.8%

240 children have 96%+ attendance. Well done!

Starlyngs – Wraparound care. Phone

Number: 07493 977 397

The office closes at 4pm. Please call this number to collect your child and they will be brought to the main gate. After 4.30pm, collection is from the Nursery gate.

You still need to call the above number.

BBC 500 Word Competition

The BBC writing competition is OPEN!

If your child is a budding author and would like to take part in the BBC 500 Words competition, please click on the link for all details. Good Luck!!

[500 Words \(bbc.co.uk\)](http://500Words.bbc.co.uk)