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Message from Jacqui Warne:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term and a new academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It was lovely to see the pupils returning to school this week, and settling into classes with their friends.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families who have joined us this term. If you have any questions or queries about your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Further news:

Parents Evening – We look forward to welcoming you into school on Tuesday 19th September, where you will be able to meet the teacher as well as other families and professionals at our Café. Letters will be sent home shortly with further details.

Permissions – Personal data and permission details that we hold on file for you and your child will be shared with you in the next couple of weeks. Please check the information sheets carefully and return the forms back to school asap.

Newsletters – To reduce paper consumption, we automatically send newsletters via email unless you have specifically requested a hard copy. Once you receive the personal data sheet, please check it carefully – have we got your correct email address? You may be missing out on important information otherwise. You can also download copies of newsletters from the website.

School Comms – Just a reminder you can download the app to start using School Comms. Lots of our families access information from the school this way, and it is really easy to use. You can also make payments online! If you would like further info, please contact the School Office who will be very happy to help you.

Dates for your Diary

October:
Half Term – Mon 23rd to Fri 27th
November:
Occasional Day – Mon 27th
Last Day of Term – Fri 15th Dec



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Snacks - From the start of this next academic year, we have made changes to the mid-morning snack break. Please send your child into school each day with a piece of fruit to be eaten mid-morning. If your child does not eat fruit, you may provide an alternative, small, healthy snack as a replacement (no crisps, sweets or chocolate bars please). Any snack which is deemed to be unhealthy will not be given to your child. School will continue to provide either water or milk for pupils to drink. I hope you will support us in this new initiative. Thank you.

Cookery will still continue as a learning activity for our pupils, and families will still be asked to contribute towards the cost of ingredients. The cost for cookery will be £7.50 per half term.

Ellen Tinkham School Consultation – We are delighted to confirm the consultation to increase pupil numbers was approved by Cabinet Members over the summer. Pupil numbers at Ellen Tinkham School are now able to increase to 180.

Finally, we end this newsletter with a CHAMPAGNE MOMENT – Over the summer, Dee Weiner, one of our Mealtime Assistants, competed in the Special Olympics GB National Games in Sheffield. Playing Badminton Doubles, Dee won a Silver medal and a Gold medal in Singles Badminton! What a fantastic achievement!! Dee is truly inspirational and as an ambassador for “This Girl Can” in Devon, she is a wonderful role model for our students. Very many congratulations Dee from everyone here at school!



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