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Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

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September

Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to you in advance of September with some important information to help the children prepare for their return; but also to help parents on those memorable summer holiday shopping trips! Please read the below carefully.

P.E Kits

As we revert back to our pre-Covid arrangements children should no longer come to school in their P.E kit. **Instead they should bring their kit to school on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday. Due to fire safety in the cloakroom areas, we are no longer permitting children to bring rucksack style bags – drawstring bags are easier to store and cause less of a fire hazard.** Please do not send your child to school with a rucksack – a drawstring bag and or ‘book bag’ is more than sufficient.

Forest School

Children in Robin Class (Reception / Year 1) and Kingfisher Class (Year 2) will have Forest School during the first term on a Tuesday afternoon. They need to ensure they have a waterproof coat and wellies (Y2 from 7th September and R/Y1 from 14th September). No further Forest School kit is required.

Start of the Day Routine

To ensure learning gets off to a smooth start, we will be asking parents to continue to drop off at either of the gates and not enter the playground. This is so the majority of staff can be in class and children can begin their learning straight away. Either myself or another member of staff will be on the gate to say ‘hello’ and pass on any messages. All staff will be available at the end of the day and are contactable by emailing or phoning the school office. **The start time window will be shortened to reflect the ending of Covid19 measures from 8.45-8.55.**

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End of the Day Routine

We know how important it is that you have the chance to speak to your child's teacher if you need to. With that in mind, we are asking parents to collect their children from the points below from September. If you have a child in more than one class, staff will wait with the children until you arrive. **The main school gates will open from 3.10 for you to collect your children at 3.15pm.**

Robin Class	Reception / Year 1	Class 1 Gate
Kingfisher Class	Year 2	Office Door
Partridge Class	Year 3/4	Fire Exit
Woodpecker Class	Year 5/6	Cloakroom Door

Exciting Events

We have an action-packed, exciting first week back to help all children settle in. The first day will be spent getting to know their new class and their teacher and on the Wednesday and Thursday we will be holding whole-school Design Technology Days. On the Friday we will be launching our new topics – Mrs. Saunders is planning exciting things for Robin Class; Year 2 are going on a visit to explore Bedale and Key Stage 2 will be having a 'Stone Age Workshop' with Wilderness Outdoor Education (I have heard bug-eating may be involved!)

More information will be sent following the holiday.

I hope this is useful information in preparing for September.

Kind regards



Mr. S Donaldson
Headteacher
