

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, with lots of familiar faces and lots of new faces too!

Welcome to our new Year 3 parents and parents of new children in Years 4/5 and 6 and just to say that my newsletter is normally fortnightly on a Friday but will be more frequent if there is information I need to get out to you. The most important thing is to say that if you have a question please do ask your child's classteacher, or use our 'home help' emails:

yr3homehelp@lwj.org.uk

yr4homehelp@lwj.org.uk

yr5homehelp@lwj.org.uk

yr6homehelp@lwj.org.uk

Alternatively contact the office – either in person or by calling 01636 813432 or emailing office@lwj.org.uk.

School Meals

I have to say that we have been very much let down by the new provider Innovate. They did not fulfil their promise to provide all parents with the sign up details and there have also been issues with deliveries meaning the delay of our being to open our tuck shop again. This said, we are working with both their senior leaders and the Mitre Trust to remedy the situation as quickly as possible. The meals themselves look great.

To book meals you must have signed up to Kanpla. If your child is not having school meals, please send them with a packed lunch. I have attached two documents that you may find helpful.

Tuck Shop

One of the issues is that we have not yet been able to add the purchase of tuck to Kanpla. This means that for your child to order tuck, please continue to top up the IPay account for your child. New parents should have received information on how to do so. Please do not be put off when doing this if the App currently says for school dinners, as this has not been updated. We are only using IPay for the tuck shop.

Nuts in School

Please be aware that we are a 'nut free school' as we do have a number of pupils with nut allergies. We therefore ask that children do not bring any nuts, or food containing nuts, in their packed lunches or for a snack.

PE Lessons

PE lessons are beginning to run and will all be running as normal next week. 4R will be swimming first on a Thursday morning starting next Thursday 11th September and you should have received a letter – when swimming the children can wear their PE kit on swimming days.

We are happy for the children to come to school in their school sports kit for the day (except on

swimming days). Please can I remind parents that this must be a proper school kit – not a favourite football team shirt or t-shirts with logos. When the weather cools, your child is free to wear jogging bottoms. Jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons for health and safety reasons. However, if your child has stud earrings that they cannot remove, please send tape for them to put over them and sign their School Diary.

The current school PE kit is:

Girls/Boys – burgundy T-shirt with our school logo, or a plain, non-branded T-shirt in burgundy, white or navy. Navy blue shorts, sports trainers.

We also now have an optional blue sports hoodie that we normally have in stock at school for purchase. If you are unable to afford to purchase the appropriate kit, please make us aware at the school office.

Water Bottles

We encourage the children to all have a water bottle – this should be plastic and not an expensive one. Please only send your child in with water. School sells a water bottle for £2. Please name all water bottles.

Flu Nasal Vaccinations

Arrangements have been made for the Flu Immunisation Team to come into school on **Tuesday 16th September**. They offer a free seasonal flu vaccine to all children from Yrs 3 to 6 inclusive. Information will be emailed out to all parents by early next week. This form gives you the option to opt in or out. It is important the form is completed for all children, even if you are refusing consent. If you have more than one child attending this school, a form should be completed for each one.

Whole School Photographs – Friday 19th September

Individual photographs will be taken of all children throughout the morning. If you would like group photos with siblings, these will be offered before school from 8.15am (no need to book). If your child has PE on this day, please can they wear school uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag as a one off.

School Times

Pupils should aim to be in school for 8.50am with doors opening at 8.45am. The pedestrian gates are closed at 9am for safety reasons. Any child arriving after 9am will receive a late mark. School finishes at 3.25pm.

Clubs and Activities

Letters and information regarding clubs and activities will come out over the next few weeks.

Diary Dates

We will be finalising a number of dates on Monday and these will come out to you later next week and will be added to our school calendar.

Finally, this will be the only paper copy of the newsletter sent home (on Friday 5th) – I have also emailed this to all parents, so if you don't receive it electronically please email the office; it is worth checking your junk box as well.

Mr Mike Follen
Headteacher