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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year, and for those of you who are just starting your journey at our school Welcome to Fourfields Church of England Primary School! I can not wait to meet your child and yourselves as you venture on this next stage of their education. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and have had plenty of opportunities to create memories with your families. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for all. Your child gets to meet their class teacher, make new friends and see their new classroom! I am looking forward to supporting your child with their transition to 'big' school and into Year 1 and seeing them grow and develop every day.

I wanted to take the opportunity to share some important information with yourselves, including information about the learning which will be happening as well as important information you need to know about daily life at school.

Wonderful Weather!

This term our topic is called '**Wonderful Weather**'. In English, we will be looking at fantastic texts such as Percy the Park Keeper, Elmer in the Snow and Pumpkin soup. We will use these texts to provide high quality learning opportunities to support your child's reading and writing skills. We will even be making our very own yummy pumpkin soup! In Science we will be learning about the 4 seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We will be looking closely at what happens in our environment during each season as well as what we might celebrate in each season. In Geography we will be exploring the different types of weather, what clothing we might wear for different types of weather and where in the world is hot and where in the world is cold. In R.E. and RSE we will be thinking about ourselves, friends and family and exploring what makes them special and unique. Finally, in Art we will be developing our skills of moulding, shaping and joining clay together to create a flower mural. We will also be exploring the artist Andy Goldsworthy and looking closely at how he uses natural materials to create patterns and sculptures.

Drop off and Pick up

When you arrive at school you should enter via the brown gate (to the right of the building) then follow the path down to the playground. This is also where you will pick your child up from at the end of the day. The children will line up on the playground in their classes at both drop off and pick up. For the first 3 days of term parents are welcome to come into school and help their child find their pegs, however from **Monday 11th September** we kindly ask that you say goodbye to your child on the playground.

Drop off – gate opens at 8.35am for an 8.40am start.

Pick up – 3.15pm

Personal Belongings

If your child is in Reception, their book bag is at school waiting for them to arrive on their first day at big school! Any other belongings your child bring to school, P.E. bag, coat, rucksack, forest school clothes etc, will be stored on their pegs. Please can you make sure that **everything** (especially jumpers) are clearly labelled with your child's name so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child.

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P.E.

Your child will have a P.E. session **every** week. Year 1 children will have their P.E. sessions on Thursday and Friday and Reception children will have their P.E. session on a Friday. Your child should bring their P.E. kit into school, where they will get changed into it for our P.E. sessions. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school in order to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school for our first P.E. session on **Thursday, 7th September 2023**.

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will continue to run this academic year for those children in Reception. These sessions will start from the week commencing **18th September 2023**. Your child will attend Forest School twice a week as part of their curriculum and will take part in a variety of different activities. Forest school is a fantastic opportunity to develop your child's holistic development. It supports their physical, emotional and social development through the opportunity to climb, use age-appropriate tools, work together as a team and really engage with the outdoors. For your child to be able to access our forest school sessions fully they will need to come to school with a pair of wellies and waterproofs (coat and trousers or all in one suit) as we will be attending our forest school in all weathers. Forest School is a fantastic part of our school curriculum and I know your child is going to love it!

Homework

Each week your child will be set homework. They will come home with a blue homework folder on a Friday and this needs to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. 2 dojo points will be given for all homework returned on time. Reception children will receive a phonics homework and writing homework each week. Year 1 children will receive a piece of phonics and GPS homework in their folder. They will also have maths homework set via the online app Sumdog. Log ins for your child's Sumdog account can be found in their reading records.

Reading Books

As we settle into the new school term your child will come home with reading books. One book is what we refer to as a 'sharing' book. This is a book from our classroom library that your child has selected themselves and is for you to share with them at home. These books are not set to your child's phonics level and therefore the children are not expected to be able to read them, they are there to encourage reading for pleasure and enjoyment. Your child will also come home with a phonics book. This book is based on your child's phonics level and they will have read this book 3 times at school with their reading teacher. More information on reading books and our phonics scheme will follow shortly.

Tapestry Workshop

We will be holding a tapestry workshop on **Thursday 7th September 2023** at 2.30pm for Reception parents. This is an opportunity to learn about the learning journey platform, as well as give your details so you can see what your child has been up to at school! It also allows you to share some of the fantastic things your child has also been doing at home. We hope you are able to join us!

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Walton

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