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# **Two Rivers Federation**

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Dear parents/carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school today and we hope you all had a good summer, despite the rain! It is also great to be welcoming Mrs Symons back (Weds – Fri) after her maternity leave as well as Mrs Downing as our new class 3 teacher (Weds- Fri). Here is some useful information as well as some reminders for the coming weeks.

### Uniform

The children are looking smart in their uniforms. Remember, there is a link on the website to our uniform supplier and there are sample products in the office for you to try when they need renewing/replacing. The PTA also have a second-hand uniform rail in the reception area (£1 per item). Please make sure that every item of uniform is clearly name labelled so it can be returned if lost.

# Weather

The weather this week is predicted to be very hot. Please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and sun cream applied. Should you wish them to reapply their suncream during the day, please provide a labelled bottle that will be kept in their bag/tray. All classrooms have either air conditioning or fans so we will endeavour to keep them cool.

# **Swimming/Fitness**

Next week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Years 3 and 5 will start swimming lessons at Ruby Oak. Please ensure they have their kit (all name labelled) with them in school every Thursday. Whilst Years 3 and 5 are swimming, Years 4 and 6 will do a short additional fitness session with Mrs Downing. They will need to have trainers in school with them to change into.

# P.E. Days

P.E. days will be as follows. Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit that day.

- Class 1 Thursday
- Class 2 Tuesday
- Class 3 Tuesday
- Y3/5 swimming Thursdays from 12/9/23
- Y4/6 fitness (trainers needed) Thursdays from 12/9/23

# Friday Assembly/Sharing Event

During the first week of school, all classes will be working on a shared book as part of their settling in work. It is called 'Have you Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud and David Messing and explores how we look after our own wellbeing and take care of other people. There will be an assembly at 2.30pm on Friday afternoon, which parents/carers are welcome to attend. It will celebrate the work the children have done during the week. Afterwards, you will be able to join them in their classes so they can share their work.

### **Meet and Greet Sessions**

During the second week of term, you are welcome to attend a 'meet and greet' session in your child's class to meet the staff, find out key information about the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have. Each teacher will create a handout with key information, which will be available to those unable to attend. The days and times are as follows:

- Class F Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9 9.30am
- Class 1 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.35 4.05pm
- Class 2 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.35 4.05pm
- Class 3 Friday 15th September 3.35 4.05pm

### Communication

If you have anything you wish to discuss regarding your child, please make sure that your first point of contact is the class teacher. They are available for quick questions or to make an appointment for longer queries at the start and end of the day. For administrative queries, please visit the school office. If you are unable to chat to us in person, please contact us using the 'families' email account. The address is <a href="mailto:families@langtree.devon.sch.uk">families@langtree.devon.sch.uk</a>. Children who travel on the bus will continue to have home school communication books. If you have mislaid yours over the summer, please let your child's teacher know.

If you have any more general questions, thoughts or ideas regarding your child's class, you can contact the parent forum representative and they will bring your contributions to their next meeting. We need to appoint a new Class F rep, but the Class 1 reps will be happy to listen in the meantime.

The representatives are:

Class 1: Clark Bonfield and Kirsty Gravett

Class 2: Amanda Coles and Rob Wallis

Class 3: Fiona Elliott and Kana Webster

We look forward to working with you all this year.

With best wishes,

Sarah Rushworth