

Dear Parents and Carers,

5<sup>th</sup> September 2022



It's been great welcoming the children back into school today. They've come in looking really smart and ready to get back into the school routine. It's lovely to welcome our new Pre-School children this week for their taster session and they will start their full timetable next week.

Thanks for following the instructions for the start and end of the school day. If we can keep to the one-way system that will help to reduce congestion and, as said previously, make for a calmer start and end to the day for the children.

Please remember the gate will be locked at 8:50 so it's really important you are here before then.

Chartwells are our new caterers this year. They will have the capacity for the children to order their meals at the start of each school day but have not set up the technology yet. That means that this week the children will not be able to choose in advance but we are hoping that from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September this will all be in place. Thank you for your patience.

Given the current climate, eligibility for Free School Meals can be a life saver. If your circumstances have changed or you think you may be eligible, please complete the form attached to this email and email it back to us. If that's tricky for you, please request a form from the office and once you've returned it we will do a check for you. New families this year will have already completed this form in their pack.

### Swimming



We have been assigned a new swimming day this year – it is a Friday afternoon starting this Friday. For the first half of the year (up until February half term) Y4 will be swimming, carrying on from their sessions last year. After February half term Y3 will go. This year we are going to the Louisa Centre. Year 4 parents will receive a letter about this this week, reminding them about what the children need. Please ensure they come with their kit this Friday.

### Grinton Meeting re upcoming residential visit

It's only 3 weeks to go until Y5 go to Grinton. They go Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Don't forget, there is a meeting next Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> September) at 5 p.m. in the Upper School Hall for parents and children. We will share information about the week, including a kit list, and ask you to complete the necessary forms for the visit. We hope that an adult will be able to attend this and look forward to seeing you then.



### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school each day, along with their Personal Organiser and reading books. It's important the water bottle has a sports top so that if it is knocked over on the table there is no spillage. Thank you.

### Reporting your child's absence

If your child is ill and unable to attend school it is really important that you contact us to let us know why. Please ring the office on their first day of illness before 10 a.m. (you can either speak to someone or leave a message on the answer machine). If they require more than one day off, please keep the office informed. If we have no reason for the absence it will be recorded as unauthorised so it is important you inform us.

As soon as we have sorted the dates for the year we will share these with you.

Until then, don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Many thanks.

Kay Hemmings

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