

9<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of a busy and exciting Autumn Term 2010! 17 new children have joined us in Reception Class and they are settling in well with the help of their KS2 buddies. We also welcome into school Natasha Brown in Year 2, Lucy Kelly in Year 5 and Henry Northover in Year 6.

Over the coming weeks if you would like to chat to your child's teacher, they will be in the playground at the end of each day. If you have any general queries please contact Mrs Park in the school office

#### School Photographs

Fotek, the School Photographers, will be in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you have pre-school siblings and you would like them photographed with their older brothers and sisters, please bring them into school at 8.50am.

#### Uniform

Can you please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. When we find unnamed sweatshirts around school it is very difficult to find their owner.

# **Music Tuition**

Violin and Flute tuition commences next week (Violin - Tuesdays, Flute - Fridays). Children please ensure you have your instruments with you on these days.

# Music - Wider Opportunities

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Wider Opportunities Programme which is part of a National Initiative. A music teacher from the Herefordshire Music Service will be working with the children in Class 3 on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will have the opportunity to experience different instruments.

## KS1 French

During this term our French Teacher, Mrs Haydn-Jones, will be working with KS1 children on Thursday afternoons.

# Parking - 'Drop Off Zone'

In the mornings, can you please ensure that you do not park in the 'Drop Off Zone' (the roadside from the school gate to the first telegraph pole). This area is for dropping off children only. No one should park on the yellow lines at any time.

#### Forest Schools

We are now a Forest School. During the autumn term KS1 children will have the opportunity to participate in Forest schools activities in the woods at Hellens.

### Swimming

Class 4 will be swimming for 10 weeks this term (letter to follow). Class 3 will be swimming during the Spring Term.

# Healthy Schools

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day. All children are able to refill their bottles during the day from the water filter unit.

Free, seasonal fruit is still available to KS1 children at morning break; KS2 children may bring in fruit for morning break if they so wish.

To maintain our healthy schools status please ensure that children's lunch boxes contain "healthier options". Chocolate and sweets are not allowed in school.

Please do not send cakes or sweets into school to celebrate your child's birthday.

## PTA

The PTA will hold their first meeting of the term at The Slip Tavern at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Everyone is welcome.

The new families welcome disco will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This is an enjoyable event for children and their parents.

#### Important Dates

# September

13<sup>th</sup> Photographer in School 9.00am

13<sup>th</sup> HRH Princess Royal Visit - Westons

14<sup>th</sup> Violin Lessons recommence

Forest Schools - Class 1 and Class 2

14th PTA Meeting - Slip Tavern 7.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> Flute Lessons recommence

21st ACTS II Assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> Class 4 Swimming

24<sup>th</sup> PTA Family Disco

29<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swim

October

6<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

16<sup>th</sup> Twinning Ball

19<sup>th</sup> ACTS II

20<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

25th - 29th October Half Term