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Dear Parents,

Six weeks has never gone so quickly! Suddenly, we are about to start a new school year. Fortunately, September is my favourite month of the year and our vibrant school will be buzzing with the excitement and energy that children bring when they see their friends (and teachers) again.

Before the First Day Please Remember to:

- Book your child's school dinner via the Gateway App (parents of new children may only be able to use the app after their first day in school so we will decide on meal choices when in school for the first few days)
- Book Breakfast / After School Club sessions for the week – this is really important especially for nursery aged children as the clubs are very busy on certain days and we need to ensure we have the right child to adult ratios
- Check that clothes and coats have names in. A water bottle which doesn't leak with a name on is a good idea
- Please check that your child does not have nits. We have been very lucky over the years, but September is the classic time for outbreaks, if everyone checks today and treats then we will all be happy. Check with a fine comb and use conditioner to slide through hair, etc.
- Pack the PE kit which is kept in school for each full week (if not longer if young). Class teachers will be sending out letters which will mention when PE lessons are, but keeping the PE kit in school for the week really helps if the weather means lessons are moved, or for when a child needs to be in a different set of clothes, maybe if they have slipped on a patch of mud at playtime.
- Try getting them to bed early, especially if they have not been getting up early for a few weeks.

First Day

- Our new reception classes do not start until later in the week. Initially, there are one to one meetings between the Reception teachers and the children's parents
- We have more than ten children starting in different year groups. The new children will be meeting at 9.10am at the Main Entrance and wait in the main hall with Mrs Forshaw (who would have just finishing running the Breakfast Club). Then a designated buddy comes up to walk each child to their allocated class. At least one new child is expected in the all year groups except Y6.
- The children in Year 1 will be entering school by the steps next to the elephant. The Y1 teachers will be welcoming the children in.
- If your child has a packed lunch and is in Y2 to Y6 then their box needs putting on the right table in the Hub before walking around to go into school.
- For the first day the Year 2 teachers will be coming outside to the top of the Junior Playground and meet their classes after lining them up. Then they will lead them in as a class. After the first day the children will enter school the same way as Years 3 to 6.
- Years 3 to Year 6 will enter school via the boys' / girls' washrooms as they did last year. There will be support staff in the corridors and cloakrooms making sure the children get to the right class
- Myself and Mr Boyd and a few other staff will be around on the top playground. The focus for the first morning is getting all the children in swiftly. One or two children can get worried or upset just

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as they say goodbye to a parent and go in on the first day. Any important but lengthy messages for myself or Mr Boyd please tell us on another day in the week, later on Monday by phone or email today (Sunday).

## A few more reminders

- If you have changed your email, phone number or address let us know by emailing the office.
- It is essential (not optional) to have a second contact in case there is an emergency. If the second contact details have changed then again please email the office.
- Children access the school library every week and can choose a book for silent reading time. If your child is currently engrossed in a reading book then they can bring it in to read at school as long as they have written their name in it. The school library is up and running from the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September
- There is no swimming in the first week of the term.
- If you need some extra uniform items Shop Smart is open for browsing during school hours. You can email requests to [uniform@ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk)
- If you have any spare board games or packs of cards that you no longer need then please donate to school via the Main Entrance. Our Breakfast and After School Clubs are running short.
- This year Mrs N Routeledge will be dealing with the LCC funding forms for nursery and I will be dealing with nursery voucher payments. Any questions do ask by emailing myself. I can forward relevant messages to Mrs Routeledge.
- Communication: Gateway for quick, short messages, including absences. Email for financial questions, ideas or concerns about your child and term time holiday requests. Phone for very urgent short messages only. All absences have to be messaged to school before 9am.
- After 9am we won't be ringing to send in PE or swimming kits, we have spare sets of washed kits and if they have run out / wrong size then they will miss their lesson. If your child has forgotten their kit / lunch box and eg simply left it in the car we will provide them with a school lunch if it has not arrived by 9.30am. No late deliveries of kits or lunches after 9.30am.

## A Few things to Look Forward to this Term (details in future newsletters)

- Every class will be going on a trip and remember that school pays for the trips in the autumn and spring term, so zero costs to parents 😊 Locations for trips include Mount Snowdon, the White Scar Caves in the Yorkshire Dales, Rock and River,
- There will be a big drive on Spanish and Miss Blake will be teaching Spanish once a week to every class, including those in Year 2, starting from the 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 1 will be having Forest School lessons every Wednesday
- The giant conker tournament is coming around again
- Swimming will resume the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September. Swimming days are as follows:  
Tuesday Y4 morning then Y2 afternoon  
Wednesday afternoon Y1  
Thursday Y5 morning then Y3 afternoon  
Friday Pre School (N2) afternoon  
Reception don't start swimming yet (when they do they will be in on Wednesday mornings)

The new roof with insulation has progressed, but they will still be working for another few weeks. So, please take care around the scaffolding and skips. Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow,  
Giles Storch

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