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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! The holiday seems to have gone very quickly but it is good to have all the children back and to hear of all the exciting things they got up to during the summer break. They certainly seem refreshed and enthusiastic to be back!

It has been lovely to welcome all of new Acorn Class pupils and their families into school. A big thank you to our Buddies who have been doing a brilliant job helping our new pupils to settle in.

Congratulations from all of us to Miss Hunt who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Tyler-Hunt. It will take us all a while to get the hang of her new name so I'm sure she will forgive us occasionally calling her "Miss Hunt" over the next few weeks!



### **Class Newsletters**

The class newsletters will be sent home to you over the next few days. As usual these will contain information about topics, PE days and other classroom routines.

### **The morning rush!**

Mornings are a busy time in the classrooms and in the cloakrooms so we do expect pupils in Lime, Oak and Willow to say goodbye to their mums and dads in the playground and to sort out their own belongings. This doesn't mean that you aren't welcome to come into the classroom for a quick word with the class teacher or teaching assistant if you need to. You are also welcome to put a note in your child's reading diary, phone the school or email the school office to contact your child's teacher. As the year moves on, we would also encourage you to say goodbye in the playground and send your child on into school.

If you arrive late, please can you settle your child as quickly and quietly as possible so as not to disturb the rest of the class. If you are a little late the teacher will already be busy with the class so please leave any messages with the school office, thank you.

### **PTA Tea Party**

You are all invited to join us at 2.15pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall where our older pupils will be serving afternoon tea. Parents of children new to the school are particularly welcome to come along and meet parents from across the school. If you could bring donations of cakes and biscuits into school on Friday morning we would be very grateful, we will sell these during the tea party to raise funds for the PTA. All of the classes have new LCD smartboards for which the PTA have undertaken to raise as much money as they can alongside continuing to subsidise school trips, panto etc.

### **Lunchboxes and birthday treats**

As a school we worked hard to achieve and subsequently maintain our Enhanced Healthy School status. This means that we expect our pupils' packed lunches to contain a variety of healthy options with no chocolate bars or sweets.

Pupils often bring in treats for their friends on their birthdays, we are happy to hand out cakes or biscuits but not sweets. If you send in birthday cake for the children please help us by cutting the cake up with a slice for each child in the class.

Children in Acorn Class, Beech Class and the Year 2s in Lime Class are entitled to a free school lunch. Years 3-6 need to order their lunches and send the money in on a Monday for the rest of the week at **£2.30** per lunch.

### **School Rewards**

#### **House Points**

At the beginning of the last academic year we started awarding house points for examples of good learning behaviour and work which demonstrate independence, resilience and aiming high. The children also earn house points for demonstrating the school values; this term's value is Friendship.

Each week the number of house points earned by each child for their house will be totalled by class and added to the running totals for each house. At the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms there will be treat for the members for the winning house.

This year, as well as collecting for their house, we will be giving individual rewards to children who have collected 100, 250 and 500 house points over the year.

### **Golden Moments**

We will continue to award Golden Moments for exceptional effort or behaviour that sets an example to others.

There is a busy year ahead so please hang on to the diary dates below! Please do not book holidays during term times.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	No Family Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Governor Nominations close at 9.00am and ballot papers will be issued PTA Tea Party 2pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Parent Governor Election closes at 9.00am Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Open day at Wheatley Park for Year 6s Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Two Queens Workshop for Lime and Beech Classes
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm Harvest Service – parents welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closed for INSET
Half Term	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October

### **Early Warning**

Year 6 Yenworthy Parents Evenings	30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Friendship Week	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November
School Play (not Acorn)	5.30pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity Play – Acorn	9.30am Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at the church 9.30am Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at the church
School Closes	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
INSET	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
School reopens	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Half Term	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Easter Holidays	30 <sup>th</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
School Reopens	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June
School Closes	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Emma Coleman

Headteacher

