



## Autumn term 2019

9th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term and a new school year at Camp. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

### 'Meet the Teacher' Transition Talks

Each class teacher (Reception to Year 6) will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to come along to an informal 'transition talk' this week on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. These sessions will enable you to find out about class routines such as PE days, reading books, homework, and curriculum coverage this term. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about the organisation and routines in your child's new class. We do appreciate that not all parents will be able to attend these 'meet the teacher' sessions, so please be reassured that we will send home the key information in a newsletter the following day.

For children in **Reception** both talks will take place in the **Community Room** (please come in via the front door). The first talk will **be at 11.30 am** for the children with March to August birthdays, and the second at **2.00 pm** for the children with September to February birthdays. You will then be able to take your child home straight after the session.

For children in Years 1 to 6 the transition talks will also happen **on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** however there are some different times being offered across the year groups. We know that lots of parents of children in KS1 (Years 1 & 2) also have younger children and the sessions were becoming rather crowded and sometimes difficult to hear. Offering a session before school pick up time for years 1 and 2 we hope will make this a little easier as the school age children will not be there.

Year Groups	Session 1	Session 2
Year 1	1.45 pm – 2.15pm in the classroom (Y1 children will be outside or in the library)	2.35 pm in the classroom
Year 2	1.45 pm – 2.15 pm in the dining room (Y2 children will be in class)	2.35 pm in the classroom
Year 3, Year 4, Year 6	2.35 pm in the classroom	3.10 pm in the classroom
Year 5	1.45pm – 2.15pm in the classroom (Y5 children will be in P.E)	2.35 pm in the classroom

### Soft start

The feedback on the new 'soft start' to the school day has been very positive so far.

We do appreciate that there will be times when you need to talk to the class teacher and, unless it is an urgent matter, after school (or at the end of the session for Nursery) is always a better time to speak to your child's teacher than first thing in the morning. Please wait until the whole class has been dismissed safely before coming into the classroom. This will then allow the teacher to give you their full attention. If you would like to discuss something with a teacher that is likely to take more than a few minutes after school, then it is best to make an appointment. This will ensure that the member of staff can give you the time and attention you require. If you ever wish to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, or any other member of staff, please leave a message for them via the school office.



### School meals and toast

The cost of school meals this academic year for Year 3 - 6 will be **£2.55 per day** or **£12.75 per week**. As you are aware, **free meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. We request that all children commit to their lunch choices/meal patterns on a half-termly basis please, which includes the free meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

For Year 3 to Year 6 we would like you to continue to make all school meal payments in advance. The office staff really appreciate your co-operation with this. School meal payments are to be made online via Schoolcomms. Please ask at the school office for further details about online payments if you do not already use this system.

Toast is available at morning break for children in Y1 – 6, and costs **75p** per week (or **£4.50** per half term), payable to the class teacher or office in advance. We are hoping this can be paid on-line from next week. The children are also welcome to bring in a piece of fruit to have as a snack at break-time.

### Nut allergy sufferers and packed lunches

We would like to remind you that we are a nut free school and request that parents and carers avoid including nuts, or products that list nuts as one of their ingredients, in children's packed lunch boxes. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We use an online registration system which requires that all absences, including medical appointments, are reported to the **school office** please (rather than to the teacher or another staff member).

I would like to remind you that the school day officially begins at **8.55am** (except for Nursery). If you do arrive late for school in the morning please report to the **school office** and complete your child's details in our 'Late Arrivals' file. We will ask you to record the reason why your child/children are late and for a parent/carer signature.

### Dates

Please also check the website which will be kept up to date with all key dates.

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Transition talks (for Reception to Year 6)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day
26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 and 2 performance (further details to follow)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage performance (further details to follow)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery end of term
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – 1.30pm finish

Best wishes,

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