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Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new school term.

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you for your patience whilst we are recovering from the cyber-attack. It has certainly been a worrying time, but I am pleased to say that our email system has been recovered and most documents have been retrieved. It is going to take a while for our files to be reorganised, but we are relieved to at least have access to them.

It was so lovely to see the children coming into school today; they all found their new classes and settled in so well. Our new Reception children have been brilliant and were so excited to receive their welcome teddy from our PTFA. Pebbles Nursery children came in as if they had never been away and have welcomed some new friends too.

All the children looked so smart and were extremely proud to show off their new uniform and shiny shoes! Well, they did when they walked into school this morning!

PE

Please make sure your child comes into school wearing PE uniform on their PE day. This must be a plain white t-shirt, navy joggers or shorts and black trainers. Long hair must be tied back in a soft hair band and no jewellery is allowed.

PE days are as follows and will start next week.

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Nursery children have PE on various days throughout the week – you will be informed which days in a separate letter.

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Water bottles

Please make sure your child brings a clear, unbreakable bottle with a sports cap into school each day. This must contain a still, clear drink only, please.

Meeting your child's new teacher

Year group meetings have been arranged to enable you to meet the staff your child will be working with. These meetings are designed for you to find out about what your child will be learning this year and to discuss how you can help your child at home. Routines and procedures will be shared and you will have a chance to ask questions about anything of which you are unsure.

Reception – Wednesday 18th September 9am in the School hall

Year 1 – Wednesday 25th September 9am in the School hall

Year 2 – Thursday 19th September 9am in the School hall

School meals

Please let us know if your child has any dietary requirements so we can let our catering company know. If you have not received a copy of this term's menu, please come into the school office.

Reminders

Please take note of these reminders. It really does help with the smooth running of the school when everyone cooperates.

- There is no parking for parents or carers on the school site for drop off or collection times. If you or your child has a blue badge then you may be given a parking permit. Please bring evidence of being a blue badge holder into the school office.
- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery of any kind. They are involved in physical activity every day and we want to make sure that all children are safe.
- If you have any issues with anything at all, please do come and speak to me before posting on social media. If I don't know there is an issue, I cannot resolve it.

Staff changes

Miss Richings, Nursery teacher, has moved on to a different school therefore Miss Maynard will be teaching in Pebbles until a suitable replacement is appointed.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Hornsey, who has been appointed as a Midday Assistant and Cleaner.

Diary dates

Diary dates are in the process of being finalised and I will let you have them as soon as I can as our online diary has only just been recovered.

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Contact details

Please do remember to let us know if your contact details have changed during the summer holidays, so we can update our records. Similarly, if you need to add or remove anyone from our child's 'going home' list, please go and see Mrs Kiln in the school office.

Attendance

You may be aware that a new National Framework for Penalty Notices came into force on 19th August 2024.

In brief, there is now a single consistent national threshold of 10 sessions (5 school days) when a penalty notice must be considered. Please see attachment for full details.

Just to clarify, the school does not issue the fines and neither do we receive any part of the fine.

And finally...

At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery we value our positive parent partnerships and we look forward to another successful year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Dorrington
HEADTEACHER

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