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## Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the new school year, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the Autumn Term. It was certainly lovely to see all the children back in school and hear about their holidays.

### Attendance Initiative

The summer holidays got off to a super start with our trip to Scarborough. This is the first year we have run our '96% plus and you are on the bus,' scheme to reward good attendance and a great time was had by all despite the traditional British weather! We will be running the initiative again this year and hope to have even more children and families joining us. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Mr Wilson and the admin team for organising this event.

### Building Update

As you will be aware the building work we hoped to have started by now has not yet begun as Leeds council are still awaiting reports for a number of factors which will impact on the build. This change meant the children were placed in different classrooms to those originally planned to ensure they did not need to move rooms too many times within the year. We apologise for any confusion this might have caused but we were not made aware of this in sufficient time to notify you all. Staff were on hand on Tuesday to ensure all children got to the correct classes and I will hopefully be meeting with the team responsible for the build in a few weeks at which point I will be in a better position to update you with what will happen when.

We currently have a bid in for a grant from Marks and Spencers to provide mood lighting in classrooms – we need you to get all your friends and families to vote for us if we are going to win so please look out for more information early next week as to how you can help us with this.

### After School Education Clubs

As part of our bid to make Iveson even better through responding to feedback from our parental questionnaires we have launched our After School Education clubs this year. We recognised that most of the activities we provided after school were sports based and that, whilst many children enjoyed these, we needed to provide a wider range of learning opportunities. In order to do this each teacher will run a club for 5 weeks. This means children of all ages have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of after school activities



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and extend their learning even further. Further details can be accessed through the link on the Parents page of the school website.

Shoes, pumps and trainers!

We have also looked at some of the traditional routines and considered how we can improve these. As a result of this review we have decided that children do not need to change into pumps when they are in the building unless they are doing P.E. This means the children can start the day promptly and make full use of all of their playtime! We do ask that they have a pair of named pumps in school for P.E. and we would also ask children to change into these if their own shoes needed to dry out due to rain or snow. We would also remind you that children need to be in plain black school shoes or plain black trainers. Children are allowed to change into football boots if they are playing at lunch or break but must change back into their school shoes before returning to class.

Milk payments are now all in and the next letters will be sent out at the beginning of December ready for the return in January.

Dinner money payments have risen by 5p.

Nursery, Year 3 and 4 are charged at £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week)

Year 5 and 6 are charged at £2.15 per day (£10.75 per week)

All payments must be paid in advance.

### **Important key information**

We have a new pupil with a severe nut allergy which has the potential to be so serious it could result in hospitalisation. Obviously we want to ensure that the child can come to school and their parents can be confident that we will do everything we can to keep them safe. Therefore, **as of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September Iveson will be a nut free school.** We ask that you support us in this by ensuring any products you send in to school do NOT contain nuts or nut traces. We thank you for your support in this very important matter.

I look forward to seeing you over the course of the Autumn term don't forget to check the website for all the latest Iveson information.

Yours sincerely

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