



Dear Parents,

Book Fair: A huge 'Thank You' to all the parents, children and grandparents who have visited the Book Fair this last week. You'll be pleased to know we have raised enough money to buy new books for the library and the children have already been letting us know their ideas.

ALL

A particularly big 'Thank You' goes to the upper children who have run the Book Fair this year. They have shown great enthusiasm, teamwork and responsibility in their duties - 'Thank You'.

Today is the last day of the fair, so a gentle reminder to anyone who has IOU's, to please come and settle up.

World Book Day: This Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and we invite all children (& staff) to come dressed in their favourite 'Book Character'.

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There will be a collection box in the atrium for donations to World Book Aid International, who send books to countries where children would otherwise have no access to them.

Gate: Please ensure that you keep the playground gate closed at all times. It is a breach of our compliance regulations when this gate is left open and we notice that this is occurring more and more.

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Primary Clubs: Thank you all for handing your forms in so promptly. To confirm next term's clubs: **Art Club (Monday), After School Club (Tuesday), Yoga and Mindfulness (Wednesday), Cross Country (Thursday lunch), Athletics (Thursday), Street Dance (Thursday), Football (Friday lunchtime), Brickies (Friday) and Forest School Club (Friday).** We need 6 more children for **Archery Club (Tuesday)** if that is to go ahead so please get back to us by tomorrow if you want to add it!

PRIMARY

Parent and Toddlers: In order to centralise administration and make sure that communication is as tight as it can be, please can all parent and toddler parents raise administration queries directly with the office, either by making a quick call, popping in or sending an email.

P & T's

Charity Cake Sale: Please see letter attached from Katy and Kate in Year 6 and support their initiative.

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We Are Writers: James in Year 6 has extended his deadline, in the hope of having a few more entries. Please email stories to him by Wednesday please.

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Senior Trip Deposit Payments: Although the deadline for the initial deposit was in February, we are still waiting for a number of payments to be made. Please ensure that these payments are made asap this week so that we maintain our booking with the venue.

YEARS 3-6

Sports Socks: Last week one of the Lower Primary children came to me with a question.... "why do we wear white socks for sport when white shows the dirt more....it doesn't make sense." In short, this child is single handedly responsible for closing a 26 year old loophole that I didn't even realise was a loophole! That same day I decided to take a closer interest in the children's socks as it was a sports lesson day. I realised that whilst the children were compliantly wearing white socks, only a small handful had the 'correct socks on'. A challenge was posed when I ask them why they thought 'these white socks' were ok (the correct ones) and 'these white socks' (recycled from summer uniform) were not. It led to the sudden realisation that I had never actually clarified which type of white socks were required for sport! When I use the term white socks (for sport) or 'white sports socks', I am meaning the heavier weight/towelling type (with or without logos or stripes). Sports socks are made by various sporting brands and help to protect and support children's feet and ankles during sport. They are also thicker so absorb sweat more effectively. Please ensure that your children have white sports socks for sports lessons from now on. Deadline – next week.

**RECEPTION to
Yr 6**

Uniform: Having already weathered a number of storms with Stevensons during the time they have supplied the school and having continuous issues regarding availability, I would like to share with you my proposed plans moving forward. I should say at this point that as we have tried several uniform suppliers over the years, I am not at all interested in trying another. What they have all struggled with is valid and that is holding a large stock in various sizes for a very small school.

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I propose we handle uniform in-house and that it is available to order on our website and collect from school. I would be looking for a uniform shop 'committee' to help manage this. If you may be able and willing to help, please get in touch directly.

In order for us not avoid the pitfalls of small numbers, I am also looking at reducing the uniform list quite dramatically. I have attached a current list and shown in red are the changes I am proposing. My wish is to keep things simple but to ensure the school's branding is clear. I would like your views in particular about my proposal to cut the cords and the kilt as I know how some girls prefer to wear skirts and 'smart shoes' don't always look that smart with tracksuit bottoms!

On the painful subject of tracksuits, I have been in touch with Stevensons today and told them that we will not be moving forward with the tracksuit bottoms (which are oversized



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and not fit for purpose). From now on, the children will need only the jacket (which remains a compulsory item) and this can be worn with navy tracksuit bottoms – NOT ROYAL BLUE. If you have ordered a tracksuit, please cancel the bottoms and if already purchased, please bring them in, clearly named with proof of purchase. We are asking Stevenson's to refund all parents for this half of the item and will ensure that this is followed through. Please feel free to share thoughts on my proposals as I am looking to confirm plans over the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, I would appreciate your patience and flexibility.

END OF COMMS



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