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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all excited to be welcoming back all of the children tomorrow. Gates open at **8.30am** to come onto the playground ready for doors to be opened at **8.45am** in lower school and **8.40am** in upper school.

Parents of Reception children should take their children directly to their classrooms for term 1.

Unfortunately, bagels will not be available this week but we will start back with bagels on the playground on Monday 9th September.

Please do try to get the children in to school on time and let us all try to get 100% attendance this year.

Learning starts at 8.50 am.

When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates.

Every minute counts:

Lateness = lost learning time.

The figures below are calculated over a school year:

5 min late each day = 3 days lost.

10 min late = 6.5 days lost.

15 min late = 10 days lost.

20 min late = 13 days lost.

30 mins = 19 days lost.

A high percentage attendance means more learning opportunities and gives each child the best possible chance of fulfilling their academic potential.

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“Every minute is a learning minute” is our school motto.

Good food and sleep are so important for children. Please try to have regular bedtimes with at least half an hour before hand without electronic devices. Research shows that this is important for a good sleep. A story before bed is far better than a You-Tube clip on an iPad.

Pick up will continue as last year from the Key Stage 2 playground at **3.25pm** and Lower School playground at **3.30pm**.

Please could we all be aware of the traffic issues on Romany Road and try if possible to walk children to and from school, and avoid Romany Road where possible. Only blue badge holders and permit holders are able to park on the school grounds at drop off and pick up times.

Please check the school website regularly as it is our main point of contact for policies, curriculum details, home learning projects, details of Creative Fridays, events etc. Read, Write Inc details are also available.

School Uniform etc

Please, please name your child's uniform with a Sharpie or name label. Children should have a water bottle (no fruit juice). Snacks need to be healthy e.g. fruit, chopped cucumber, red pepper but no chocolate.

PE kits need to be brought into school until half term. Again, please label all items. See the school website for PE kit requirements.

Only stud earrings are allowed in school along with Medway Health and Safety advice. Please remove earrings on PE days to prevent any issues.

As part of being a healthy school, we will be continuing with the Walk a Mile. This is fun and a super opportunity for KS2 children to keep fit and have fun. We will be inviting parents and carers in soon to complete a mile with us.

Please can children with long hair wear it tied up as much as possible. As all schools do, we have cases of head lice, especially after the summer holidays. By tying hair up we can try and reduce the number of cases. No extreme haircuts, tram lines etc are allowed.

Free School Meals

In KS1, children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. This means that EVERY child in Reception to Year 2 will receive free school meals no matter what their family income is. Income based free school meals are different, and are based on the amount of income, which parents receive. For every child that is entitled to Income based free school meals, the school receive funding called Pupil Premium. This funding is used to pay towards school trips and resources.

Could all parents, including those of KS1 Pupils and those who only have a packed lunch, please apply for Income Based Free School Meals so that the school will receive the correct amount of Pupil Premium funding. You can collect a form from the school office if you would like to apply.

Please see the school website for the school lunch menus.

Art Room and Science Lab

Over the summer, the site staff have been working hard, as have many of the teaching and support staff.

The new Art room is stunning and Mr Brackley has been busy creating art display boards!



The Science Lab is nearly there, we are awaiting some new desks/chairs but the equipment is all organised and ready to help children develop their sense of curiosity, awe and wonder.

Volunteers

If anyone would like to help us in school in any way-grandparents included, we would be delighted. Special shout out to anyone who would like to help with the gardening club, lunchtime reading or anything else! Do get in touch.

Twydall Fundraising Angels

Coffee Morning

Friday 20th September

9am-10am

If you would like to come along for a chat and to find out more about The Twydall Fundraising Angels, please pop in for a coffee/tea.



We'd love to see you!
(Small Donation required)



September Classes

	Current Class		New Class	Teacher
Year R to Year 1	Butterflies	to	Hazel	Mrs Lodge
	Ducklings	to	Acacia	Miss Sheridan
Year 1 to Year 2	Hazel	to	Oak	Mrs Willing
	Acacia	to	Palm	Miss England
Year 2 to Year 3	Willow	to	Ash	Miss Harris
	Oak	to	Pine	Mrs Beard
	Palm	to	Birch	Miss Thornton
Year 3 to Year 4	Ash	to	Cedar	Mr Brackley

	Birch	to	Fir	Mrs Burgess
	Pine	to	Spruce	Mr Sandu
Year 4 to Year 5	Fir	to	Conifer	Mr Rowlinson
	Cedar	to	Hawthorn	Miss Tapson
	Spruce	to	Elm	Mr Williams
Year 5 to Year 6	Conifer	to	Beech	Mr Hasan
	Hawthorn	to	Juniper	Miss Moore
	Elm	to	Maple	Mr Purser

Creative Fridays

Starting this term, the children will be taking part in clubs on a Friday afternoon. You will be notified of your child's allocated club by the end of the day on Wednesday 4th September. Please keep an eye out for a letter home or notice on Parent Mail regarding this.

Wrap Around Care

Please note, Wrap Around care will now open at 7.30am for the morning session, and has been extended after school until 6pm. You can collect a booking form from the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 4th September**– Start of Term 1
- **Friday 13th September**– Roald Dahl Dress Up Day
- **Tuesday 17th September**– KM 1st Class Photos
- **Friday 20th September**- Jeans for Genes Day/TFA Coffee Morning
- **Monday 30th September**– Book People Book Fair