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## **News Update 1 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday and we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

Firstly, welcome to Jack, Bowie, Zachary, Ralph, George, Elsie, James and Jake who either joined us right at the end of term or will be starting with us this week. An extra special welcome to Ajit, Ezra, Kit, Delilah, Xavier, Charles, Reggie, Harrison and Ayla who are starting school for the first time. A reminder that Potter Class children will have a phased start to school. This week they will stay until 12pm. The week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> they will stay until 1pm and the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> they will be in full time until 3:15pm.

Please find below some important general information about school life at Matching Green. More specific class information will be shared via your weekly class newsletter, which are sent out on a Friday.



### **Ofsted**

I am absolutely delighted to announce that we are a '**GOOD**' school following our Ofsted inspection at the beginning of July. The full report has been attached to this email for you all to read.

### **Time Keeping**

Arriving to school on time is essential. If a child misses the start of the day they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting vital information and news for the day. Late arriving children also disrupt lessons, can be embarrassing for the child and can also encourage absence. Good time-keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world. We will be sending out letters before half term updating parents/carers on their child's attendance and lateness.

### **How we manage lateness:**

The school day starts at **8.35 am** this is when children can begin to come into school. Registers are taken at **8.45am** your child will receive a late mark 'L' if they are not in by **8.45am**.

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At **9.05am** the registers will be closed. In accordance with the Regulations, if your child arrives after that time they will receive a mark that shows them to be on site ‘U’, but this will not count as a present mark and it will mean they have an unauthorised absence. This may mean that you could face the possibility of being issued with a Penalty Notice if the problem persists. If your child has a persistent late record you will be asked to meet with the School Welfare Officer and/or Child and Family Support Worker, but you can approach us at any time if you are having problems getting your child to school on time. We expect parents and staff to encourage good punctuality by being good role models to our children and celebrate good class and individual punctuality.

### **Pick up Arrangements**

If you have a regular arrangement for someone else to pick you child/ren up, please email the School Office. As it is the start of a new academic year could you please inform us if any arrangements that were in place are still the same or have changed. This will be put in a file for future reference so we do not need to chase you each time for permission. However, if this agreement changes for whatever reason please inform us immediately. Your child’s safety as they leave the school premises is part of our safeguarding duty of care, so we would really appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

### **Morning Club**

Morning Club will be running from Wednesday 6th September. There is no need to book in advance but please arrive promptly for 8am. It costs £4 per session and payment can be made via your School Money accounts.

### **Leave of Absence**

If you are applying for leave of absence you must complete the Leave of Absence form which is located outside the School Office, in one of the blue pockets. This forms needs to have a covering letter or email explaining the reasons why you are taking your child out of school during term time.

Just to make you aware the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibits Head Teachers granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

### **Menus**

Please find attached the menus. We have a two week rolling menu. You do not need to book in advance, your child will be asked by their class teacher in the morning what they would like for lunch.

### **Suntan Lotion and Hats**

It is set to be hot when the children return to school. Please can we ask for suntan lotion to be applied at home. We are not able to apply suntan lotion to the children throughout the day. Children will also need a hat and a water bottle. As always can all property please be clearly named.

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs will start the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Further information about what will be on offer will be sent out next week.

### **Upcoming Assemblies**

Please see the diary dates section below for the dates of this terms class assemblies. All assemblies will start at 9am and children’s parents/carers from that class are welcome to come and watch and then share some time together afterwards looking at your child’s work. These class assemblies are a celebration of your child’s learning.

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We are also inviting parents/carers in for Celebration Assembly on some Friday’s – 9am start, again please look at the dates below.



**Class PE Days**

Please find the PE days for each class below: On your child/ren PE days please can they come into school in their PE kit. If they attend an after school club on a non PE day they must come into school in their school uniform and bring a change of clothes.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Potter Class and Darwin Class	Nightingale Class and Shakespeare Class		Shakespeare Class Swimming	



**Shakespeare Class Swimming Lessons**

As previously mentioned the cost of the coaches are having an impact on our swimming sessions. However, we have come up with a solution. Year 6’s will have swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon for 1 hour starting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September until the 19<sup>th</sup> October. Year 5’s will then have swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon for 1 hour starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November until the 30<sup>th</sup> November. This means that we only need one coach, which keeps the cost down considerably. As the sessions will now be 1 hour rather than half an hour the children are still getting the same amount of time to learn to swim. This is how we intend for the swimming to continue for Darwin Class in the Spring Term and Nightingale Class in the Summer Term. A letter will be soon sent directly to Shakespeare parents regarding payments.

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Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Children back to school	
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Individual Photos	All children
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept	Celebration Assembly	@ 9am Parents welcome
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning	@ 9am start parents/community invited
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Shakespeare Class Assembly	@ 9am Shakespeare parents/carers
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Two Johns Online Safety Day	All children, parents - evening workshop
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Celebration Assembly	@9am Parents welcome AND Last day of half term 3:15pm finish
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct	Half Term	All children
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Back to School	All children
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	Darwin Class Assembly	@9am Darwin parents/carers
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Parents Evening 5-7pm	
Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm	
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Flu Immunisations	For children with consent from parents
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Start of Anti Bullying Week	Whole School
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Celebration Assembly	@9am Parents welcome
Weds	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov	Potter Class Assembly	@9am Potter parents/carers
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Nightingale Class Assembly	@9am Nightingale parents/carers
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Robin Hood Pantomime	All children
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas jumper day & lunch	All children
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Last day of term	All children
Weds	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	INSET Day	
<b>Return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>				

**INSET Days**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**