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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the academic year, 2017/18. It has been a year filled with many changes and challenges. A change in Principal, changes to the fabric of our building and impending changes to our Board of Governors. Yet with all of these changes things are looking very positive for the future of our school. During the summer we are hoping to have the whole school painted, giving a much needed face lift to our classrooms and corridors. In terms of numbers, we will be passing the 100 mark and hope to have 106 children in our school in September – the largest enrolment seen for years!

We as a staff are very excited about the next few years and hope you are too.

As you prepare for the next academic year, here are some things to consider over the incoming months.

After School Clubs

In September we hope to make improvements to our after school provision with the implementation of a Primary 1-3 club which will run from 1:50pm to 2:55pm. This will allow parents either to do one pick-up at 2:55pm or let their child go home on the bus. The content of the clubs will be finalised in September, but already we know that the club on Wednesday will be a football club taken by the coach who takes the older children on a Wednesday afternoon. The cost of the clubs will be £1.50 per day.

In addition to this we hope to run a club each day for the P4-7 children on Mondays to Thursdays. Once again, the content of the clubs will be confirmed in September.

Breakfast Club

After listening to many parents speaking of the provision of a breakfast club in other schools in the area we have also decided to introduce a breakfast club to Mountnorris. The club will begin at 8:00am and will be taken by classroom assistants. Children will be given a good breakfast consisting of cereal, toast, pancakes, fruit etc. There will also be opportunities for children to play games before they line up outside at 8:45am. The cost of the breakfast club will be £1.50 per day and will run Monday to Friday, inclusive.

Breakfast club will be run on a trial basis; if there are not enough children attending we will not be able to continue this.

Morning Routine

There are a number of children who are coming into school late in the mornings, some after 9:15am. School begins at 8:50am when teachers register the children and begin to take down homeworks or do daily tests. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time so that they do not miss out on important learning or information.

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School Uniform/PE Kit

In September we will be 'tightening up' on school uniform and PE kits. Full school uniform will be as follows:

Boys

Grey school trousers
Light blue polo shirt
School jumper with logo
Black school shoes
Summer- grey school shorts

Girls

Grey school pinafore or skirt
Light blue polo shirt
School jumper with logo
Black school shoes
Summer – gingham summer dress and plain navy cardigan

PE Kit

School round neck t-shirt with logo
Navy shorts
Black plimsolls/ trainers

School App and Website

From September we are hoping to cut down on the amount of paper and printing which we do as a school. At the moment all letters and notes home are uploaded directly onto the school website and app before they go home with the children. In September we will be asking parents to confirm that they have access to the app and website and are willing to have notes and letters sent through the app directly, rather than printed and sent home.

In addition to this, there is also a *Contact* section of the website whereby parents can send any general queries directly to the school office and also send notes regarding absence. Please use these services where possible.

Music Tuition

We had a very good response from parents in relation to music tuition for their children in school. Mr Frizzell is making enquiries at the moment and will hope to have this in place for September. So far Mr Frizzell has been able to secure tuition for guitar in school.

Snack and Milk

A number of parents have conveyed the rush in the morning to get snack ready for their children to bring to school. For the past number of years, children have been able to get snack in P1 only but from September we will be providing healthy snack for the whole school. Children will be given fruit, digestive biscuit with cheese, pancakes, toast etc. In addition to this, children will also be able to order school milk cartons for their break. The cost of snack will be £1.50 per week and milk will be around £1.20 per week and will be payable on the Friday, a week ahead.

School Dinners

The cost for a school dinner for 2018/19 will remain unchanged at £2.60 per day. Please note we can only accept **cash** for school dinners. Cheques are not acceptable.

Pencil Case List

Many children will already be thinking about collecting their pencil case items for September. Here is a general list of what your child needs; individual classes may require something extra.

2 HB pencils, rubber, sharpener, colouring pencils, felt tips, 2 highlighters, 30cm rule (rigid, not flexible), pritt stick.

Once again, thank you for all your constant support,

Mr A Frizzell, Principal

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