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Dear Parent,

Welcome back to school!

We all hope that the academic year 2018-19 is a fun, exciting and successful year for both you and your child.

As always, there are lots of things happening and changing around our school. Some of the main things are included here but please remember that our website and school app are updated regularly with important information. If you haven't got our school app, make sure you download it for free today! Instructions on doing so are included at the bottom of this letter. The app contains important information and is a way for Mr Frizzell to send important messages instantly to parents.

School Fund

We have decided that this year we will not be asking for school fund donations; instead, we want you to use that money throughout the year to allow your children to take part in our fundraising activities and games. We hope this takes the pressure off you at the beginning of the school year when money has been spent on uniforms and supplies!

Morning Routines

It has been noted that a number of children are coming into school between 9:00am and 9:15am in the morning and as such they are missing out on valuable learning experiences in the classroom. School begins at 8:50am and children should be in school for this time each day in order to avoid missing out.

Collection of Money

As you are already aware, there is a lot of money coming into school each day which wastes a lot of teacher time sorting it all out. To help with this, we are going to trial 'money record sheets' which parents will fill out at home detailing all that their children will be needing/taking part in for the week ahead. The money and the record sheet will then be placed in money wallets and sent into class. Sheets will be sent home on a Wednesday afternoon for the following week and should aim to be back in school on Friday mornings, in preparation for the week ahead.

Snack and Milk

To make sure that all children are getting a healthy snack each day in line with our policy on healthy eating and also having listened to parents saying that they could do without having to sort a snack for their child in the morning, we have decided to offer snack to the whole school each week at a cost of £1.50 per week. Snack will consist of fresh fruit each day along with biscuits and cheese or toast or pancakes etc. Alongside this, children can also order milk at a cost of £1.05 per week. Milk does however need to be ordered a few days in advance so money for milk money will

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not be accepted on Monday mornings. Snack will begin on Monday 3rd September for those who wish to avail of this. Please send money in on Monday morning for this week.

After School Clubs

In response to comments from parents and to keep up with our neighbouring schools, we have decided to extensively increase our after school portfolio of clubs.

Not only will we be offering clubs to our P4-7 but there will also be a new P1-3 club which will run each day, Mon-Thurs, from 1:50pm-2:55pm. Children from P1-3 who get the bus in the morning can then get the bus home. If your child does not get the bus in the morning normally, you can apply for transport home on the bus via the EA Transport department website. All clubs will be charged at a rate of £1.50 per club to allow for resources etc to be purchased. Our clubs from September to the end of October will be as follows:

Primary 1-3			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
General	General	Football	General
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Scripture Union	Multi-Sports	Football	STEM/Technology

Clubs will begin week beginning, Monday 10th September.

Breakfast Club

To help with working parents and child-minding in the mornings, we will also be running a breakfast club on a trial basis each morning. Breakfast club will run from 8:00am and children will then be brought to line up for collection by the teachers in the playground. Children can be dropped into breakfast club between 8:00am and 8:30am, but must pay £1.50 irrespective of the time they arrive and what they eat. Toast, pancake, cereal, fresh fruit etc will all be available and children will be supervised by 2 staff at all times. We hope this proves a beneficial venture for our school!

Seesaw

We hope to have Seesaw up and running in the next few weeks. Please bear with us as we sort accounts for the children.

Policies

A number of policies have been added to the school website for consultation. Please have a look at the website and feel free to submit a response.

Notes

We hope to cut down on the number of notes which we print. In the next few weeks we will be asking you to confirm if you have access to the app and are happy to have your notes sent that way, rather than being printed and sent home. Notes which require a response will be sent home as normal to save your printing.

Board of Governors

In June you voted for you parent reps to be Mrs Elizabeth Qua and Mr Richard Qua. Mr Qua and Mrs Qua will take up their post towards the end of October.

Your current parent reps will continue to be Mrs Elizabeth Qua and Mrs Heather Gass.

Data Capture Form

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Please make sure you complete and return your data capture form as soon as possible. It is vital that we have up to date records and information regarding each child.

Holidays 2018/19

The holidays for 2018/19 are available on the school app in the 'Newsletter' section. They are also available on our school website.

Tissues

It is very helpful if parents provide a box of tissues for their child's class. Thank you for your willingness to do so.

Recycling Rota

A number of parents are involved in helping us with our recycling in school. Recycling is taken on Friday afternoons and this helps us with our 'Eco School' status. If you would be interested in being on our rota, please keep an eye out for the note and slip regarding this.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone in our school for your hard work and effort to improve our school uniform. Everyone looks very smart and has made a great effort with this.

Guitar Tuition

We are hoping to run guitar lessons in school this year. Lessons will be taken by Mr David Millar, a registered tutor with London College of Music. Children will be taken in groups of 2 or 3, depending on ability. Lessons will cost £7 per child, per lesson and will last 20 minutes. At the moment this will only be offered to children in P4-P7. Dates for lessons will be agreed in advance with tutor. If you would like to sign your child up for this service, please fill in the slip below and return it to Mr Frizzell by Wednesday 5th September at the latest. Once confirmed you will be asked to sign an agreement with the tutor. We can only run this if we get enough students to make it viable for the tutor to travel to our school.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support,

Mr A Frizzell
Principal

I wish to sign my child up for Guitar tuition in school.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

