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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year at Oldfield Park Infant School, I hope you all enjoyed a restful break over the summer. The children have had a great first day, settling in well and getting used to their new classes and routines. They all look very smart and have been keen to show us that they are enthusiastic learners.

For those of you who are new to our school this newsletter is produced fortnightly and is usually e-mailed home at the beginning of the week, it includes important information and dates you need to be aware of so please look out for it. We aim to keep you well informed about the life of the school and give you plenty of advance warning of events. We are happy to add any items of community news or local activities too. The newsletter is also available on our website and there are always spare copies in the box in the Reception area.

In addition, Year Reception have their own weekly newsletter and Year 1 and Year 2 will be sending home a fortnightly newsletter.

There is always quite a bit to tell you at the beginning of the new school year and several general reminders to make sure that the new school year gets off to a good start.

With 180 children in school we do need to ask that all families do their best to follow school routines and return information, reply slips etc on time.

One way of helping us is to make sure that you read the newsletters and take note of those items which affect your child.

Please feel free to ask about any aspects of school life which may seem mysterious especially to new parents. Any staff member will be happy to help. All staff should be identifiable by their blue identity lanyards and tags.

Dates for the Term

Please note that the main dates for the term are always included in the newsletter. We may not be able to give you all the details of every event immediately but will add these to successive newsletters in due course. We do recognise that parents need notice of events so ask you to take note of the dates and times of those events that involve your child. We also try to give the details of any event that parents are invited to attend with plenty of notice. These dates will also be available on our website and will be displayed in the playground so you can see them on your way into school.



Changes to School Meals

Over the summer holidays we successfully changed our catering provider from Banes to Chartwells as Banes are no longer operating this service. Meals will continue to be cooked on the premises by Mandy and her team and I have attached a letter from Chartwells along with the new menu for your information. If your child does have any allergies you will need to complete the 'Special Diet Request Form' which you will also receive today. This needs to be completed and returned to school by **Monday 10th September** at the latest. If this is not returned by this point it will prevent us from being able to offer your child a school meal.

A few more reminders for the beginning of term.

Changes in address and telephone numbers

Please keep us informed of any changes of address and in particular mobile phone numbers, just pop in and let the office staff know. It is vital that we can always get hold of you in an emergency.

Naming Uniform

Please make sure all school uniform, coats etc are clearly labelled with your child's name.

It is very difficult to match children up to their jumpers, fleeces P.E. kit and forest school clothes without this being done. It is a good idea to check that the name has not faded in the wash.

Rainbow Recall

We will be starting Rainbow Recall testing in Year 1 and Year 2 week beginning 1st October. This is to give the children time to consolidate previous learning both at home and at school. Reception children will start Rainbow Recall after half term once parents have attended an information session.

After School Clubs

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 should have come home with a letter about after school clubs this week. Please ensure these letters are returned by **Tuesday 11th September** at the latest. **Please note that we will be unable to consider late responses.**

Use of photography in school and on our website



As a part of our normal school routines we take lots of pictures of activities and use them to make displays in school, to add to individual learning journeys and keep records of our teaching and learning. We also upload photos regularly to our school website and send photos off to appear in the Bath Chronicle and use them for publicity. Children's first names only are used for captions

Please complete the 'Photo Consent' form attached and return to the school office by Tuesday 11th September. If we do not receive a consent form we will not be able to take photographs of your child

A few further health and safety reminders.

Each of these issues helps maintain a healthy, safe environment for your children.

- ☺ No dogs are allowed on school premises, including the playground.
- ☺ To avoid accidents before and after school please do not let your child play football, or ride bikes, scooters etc in the playground. Please follow our scooter code of conduct.
- ☺ The timber trails and other play equipment are **not to be used** before or after school by anyone.
- ☺ Children should not wear jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear studs. **No 'hooped' earrings of any size please.** Children will need to remove their own earrings for PE.
- ☺ We would also ask that children do not wear the following items to school: sweatbands, wristbands, bracelets or tattoos.
- ☺ In all cases of sickness and / or diarrhoea children must be kept at home for at least 48 hours after the last symptoms.
- ☺ Please be very vigilant in relation to road safety in the area around the school and do not park illegally. The small cul-de-sac can get very crowded and the restrictions regarding parking are in place to safeguard the children.

Yours sincerely,

Claire McMurtry
Head Teacher