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Morning routine

Each morning, when children go into class, they will take part in a fitness activity with their teacher; this may be Jumpstart Jonny which children begun during the summer term last year or it may be the daily mile. This will take place at 8.55am in classrooms. This change will ensure all children get to take part. Sometimes the children may do their activity later in the day depending on individual class timetables.

We will also be encouraging as many families as possible to walk to school on one day of the week if you don't already. This will be on a Wednesday. You are welcome to park at The White Hart pub at the other end of the village or at The Parish Hall. Mr Riches or Mrs Bagnall will aim to meet you there during the first few weeks.

Homework

Yesterday, we held 2 parent information sessions to introduce our new approach to homework which will take place on a trial basis. We will be seeking your views throughout the trial and will consider whether this is the best way forward in January.

Mrs Parry will be sending out a document with the newsletter which makes the new approach clear and the reasons for the change. If you have any questions please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent pay

Thank you to everyone who has already registered and is using the new system. This is designed to enable all children to receive the meal they would like each day by pre-selecting the meal. The kitchen therefore has exact numbers of each meal and can cater more precisely. There are inevitably some teething problems so please do bear with us in the early stages. All school visits and trips will be through this system.

Please note: we encourage all parents to select meals with their children before coming to school. This has worked best in other schools when it is done on a Sunday for the week ahead.

Sickness

If your child has experienced sickness or diarrhoea they should remain off school for a period of 48 hours – these are the guidelines from Public Health England.

For coughs and colds, the advice is that children come into school. They will be sent home if they become unwell during the day. If you have any questions about this please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Parry in the school office.

Medication

If your child needs prescription medication during the school day, please speak to Mrs Parry in the school office. You will need to complete a form so that school knows the correct dosage for the medication. Class teachers and teaching assistants are not able to take any medication from you and will direct you to the school office.

Horticultural show

It was great to see all of the children's contributions at this year's horticultural show which took place last Saturday in the Parish Hall.

All children who were here last year was able to enter something, thanks to local resident Sally Aries, who came in to work with each class.

Well done and thank you to all.

Open afternoon

Our first open afternoon of the year will take place on Tuesday 2nd October, 1.30pm. This is for families of children who are due to begin in Reception in September 2020.

Please do sign up if this applies to you or encourage anyone you know to come along and visit the school.

Online safety resources

At school, online safety is built into the curriculum. You might like to find out more about ways you can keep your child safe online through the following website:
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/> which has been recommended to schools. If you have any questions or concerns about online safety please speak to your child's class teacher.

Friends

Friends are looking for a new treasurer, if you are able to help out with this please ask Amy Hampson for more details.

Mrs Lyall

Mrs Lyall has now begun her maternity leave. We would all like to wish her good luck – her baby is due in 1 week! We will let you know once the baby is born.

Music

This term we have a lot of additional music going on. Buzzards Class (Year 3 & 4) are learning to play the J Sax (Junior Saxophone), Falcons Class (Year 1 & 2) are taking part in Beat Bus which is a percussion based experience and Golden Eagles Class (Year 5 & 6) are receiving lessons from a music teacher to support the curriculum.

There will be further music opportunities as the year goes on.

Child Protection policy

Schools are required to make clear to families their child protection policy.

Our policy is available on the website:
<http://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-info/policies/> along with other important policies you might like to read.