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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to School: September 2023

We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer and we are looking forwards to welcoming everyone back to school next week on Tuesday 5th September, in particular our new Reception Intake.

We thought it would be helpful to just share a few reminders and tips ahead of the new term.

School Meals

Have you pre-ordered your child's school meals via Parent Pay? The Autumn Term menu is available on the system for you to choose your child's meals on a 3 week rolling programme, and each meal now costs £2.83. For families who qualify for Free School Meals, the government subsidises £2.41 for a child's meal, so the cost is just 42p per meal. Thank you also to all the parents who have recently made payments.

Start and End of Day

In the morning, a member of staff will open the gate at 08:35 and all children enter school independently via the Infant Cloakroom door which opens at 08:40. Doors are closed promptly at 08:45. It does get busy so please be patient and considerate when parking – you are welcome to drop off by car at the main entrance if you wish as it is always staffed. Please note that we are not responsible for any children who are left before a member of staff is on duty at the front Reception area.

Collection at the end of the day is at 15:15 from the school playground. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and wish them to leave the school grounds independently we do need to have this request in writing please – an email will suffice.

School Transport

At the start of the year we receive a list of children who have been allocated a place on school transport. We will assume that these children are using the school bus unless you tell us otherwise – and this is really important, particularly for going home. So please make sure you let us know if your child is not going home on the bus as we are unable to take your child's instruction – and without being informed we will put your child on the school bus.

Also, please note that there are road works between 5th and 7th September on the road between the Water Tower and Ditton Priors, as posted on the school website. We have liaised with Severn Trent and they have confirmed that the road closure will only be in place between 09:00 to 15:00 to allow school and commuter traffic through.



Communication

Please, please, please communicate with us – we are very friendly and open and we are here to work with you to support your child! We recommend that parents subscribe to the school newsletter on the website – as this will ensure you automatically receive any information from school or your child's class via email - you can even set up notifications. The website is where we will be posting the majority of news, requests, information as it is a quick and easy method. Here is the link to access subscription:

<https://browncleeschool.org.uk/home/parents-area/office/newsletter>

There is also lots of useful information on the Class Information pages, which regularly get updated by the teachers. Also, please do use the class email addresses for any specific questions regarding your child and the class teachers will respond. These are as follows:-

Class	Information Page Link	Class Email Address
Fireflies	https://browncleeschool.org.uk/home/parents-area/classes/fireflies-information	fireflies@brownlee.shropshire.sch.uk
Grasshoppers	https://browncleeschool.org.uk/home/parents-area/classes/grasshoppers-information	grasshoppers@brownlee.shropshire.sch.uk
Dragonflies	https://browncleeschool.org.uk/home/parents-area/classes/dragonflies-information	dragonflies@brownlee.shropshire.sch.uk
Bees	https://browncleeschool.org.uk/home/parents-area/classes/bees-information	bees@brownlee.shropshire.sch.uk
Scorpions	https://browncleeschool.org.uk/home/parents-area/classes/scorpions-information/	scorpions@brownlee.shropshire.sch.uk

Uniform

We believe that school uniform plays an important part in our success as a school. It helps newcomers feel that they belong from the very beginning and means that no one feels singled out by their dress. We feel that setting a smart standard of dress encourages high standards of work and behaviour.

Following a review of school uniform we have an active school uniform which is comfortable, practical and easy to care for. This allows us to follow the curriculum guidance requiring 2 hours of P.E lessons a week, and the Chief Medical Officers' guidance that children should participate in moderate physical activity for an average of at least 60 minutes per day across the week.

Our P.E t-shirts and tops are stocked at Lads and Lasses School Wear in Bridgnorth:

(<https://www.ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/brown-lee-ce-primary-school>).

We have been made aware of an issue with the sports tops having a darker green logo and wording, and we are currently in discussion with Lads and Lasses School Wear to resolve the issue. If you have already purchased tops with a darker green logo and wording, then please get in touch with Lads and Lasses as the correct colour should be the bright green to match the t-shirts. Also, please note that the website still have cardigans, sweatshirts and polo shirts listed – but these are no longer our uniform and we have requested the website is updated. (A photo of correct PE top colouring is at the end of this letter).

We have extended the transition period for the active uniform for another year **just for current parents** who need to get wear out of pre-worn uniform from siblings.



Care Club

Please make sure you book a week in advance and be specific with timings. Also please don't forget to cancel any bookings if they are no longer needed as this will release spaces - we do have a limit on numbers. Mrs Steph Boxall co-ordinates all bookings and is contactable on the following email address: careclub@brownlee.shropshire.sch.uk.

Well Done Assemblies

We will be holding Well Done Assemblies on Fridays starting on 15th September. They begin at 9am and last about 20 minutes; all parents/grandparents are welcome to join the school to celebrate the week's learning and achievements. They are an ideal way to find out what has been happening in school that week.

I am sure that there will be plenty more information and news to share as the term progresses – so keep an eye on the school website news pages! But for now enjoy the weekend and we look forward to a busy, productive and happy Autumn Term!

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

