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Autumn term 2017

Firstly, I must say the school looks fantastic! A big **thankyou** to all the volunteers who painted walls, cleaned windows and did lots of jobs to get our school ready for the new term. The kind volunteers were "marshalled" by **Mrs Sawyer** who spent a lot of her summer break working very hard- a thank you to her also!

And so welcome back and a warm welcome to our two new families!

We have had a very positive start to the new term. In assemblies and classes we have focused on the children setting themselves new **challenges and goals**. Please ask your child/ children what they are hoping to learn and do well this term. The children also have individual Writing Targets in the front of their Writing Books: please discuss these too!

At school we have adopted a new **Handwriting** approach which develops a clear, cursive, joined style from early in the school. The children will be encouraged to develop this over the term.

Homework continues to be an important way parents can support their children and the learning in school. As previously reading every night/ day is essential. Please talk to your child/ children about their book. Even very good readers will benefit from talking about characters, what might happen next, what was inferred.....

We are adopting a Menu approach to Homework- where classes send home a list of learning activities (some short and some longer) which must be completed at a rate of one a week over the course of the half term. These are to be returned on a Monday. Spellings work will be sent home on a Friday and returned on a Monday. There will not be a formal test on the Monday.

More details will be available from classes.

As I say, **more information** will be available from classes: this will include homework, dates for the term, trip information including an indication of costs, curriculum and project details.... Additionally, we would like to invite parents and carers into school next week:

1. To meet the teacher
2. To see the classroom
3. To hear about the Year Ahead

We appreciate this is short notice but those who are able to come are most welcome as set out below:

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| Monday 11 th September 2:50-3:10pm Year Ahead Meeting <u>Just Year 1 in Acorn Class</u> |
| Tuesday 12 th September 2:50-3:10pm Year Ahead Meeting Maple Class |

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| Wednesday 13 th September | 2:50-3:10pm | Year Ahead Meeting | Oak Class |
| Thursday 14 th September | 2:50-3:10pm | Year Ahead Meeting | Elm Class |

Sorry about the very short notice but as you will understand we only started working together this week! Teachers will set out their expectations, explain key routines such as when PE kit is needed and will go over some of the ways in which you can support learning at home. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Do come along if you can!

Dinner Money: The cost of a school meal each day has increased this year to £2.30. If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6) the cost of meals this half term will be £78.20 (34 days @ £2.30). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £11.50. Please forward payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Folksworth CE Primary School. A polite reminder that meals must be paid for in advance as we do not have the cash flow to manage debts in school.

Children in Foundation to Year 2 qualify for Universal Free School meals so there is no charge.

Class News Letters and Curriculum Maps for your children will be coming home. Do have a look at what your child's class is focussing on this term and if you can support in any way please do let us know.

We are also in the process of updating the Curriculum pages on our website and we will let you know when this work has been completed.

Please find below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2017. We will try to set as many dates as we can well in advance to support parents so please do make a note of these events so that you do not miss something!

New dates added in all future newsletters will be in italics to make it easier for you to identify anything new.

All parents are automatically members of our Parent Teacher Association and are all warmly invited to our first meeting of the year on the 20th of September. Please support us!

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 11 th September | Class information meeting for Year 1 only in Acorn Class 2:50pm |
| Tuesday 12 th September | Class information meeting for Maple Class 2:50pm |
| Wednesday 13 th September | Class information meeting for Oak Class– 2:50pm |
| Thursday 14 th September | Class information meeting for Elm Class– 2:50pm |
| Monday 11 th September | New Foundation children start |
| Monday 18 th September | School uniform order and payment return date |
| Wednesday 20 th September | P.T.A. Meeting at School 7pm |

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| Friday 6 th October time to TBC | Harvest Service -Everyone welcome |
| TBC | Macmillan Coffee Morning – NON-UNIFORM DAY (children invited to wear something green/purple or white) |
| TBC | Individual Child Photos |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Parent Consultations – 4:30pm – 7:30pm |
| Tuesday 17 th October | Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 6:30pm. |
| 23rd – 27th October | HALF TERM- New Play equipment being installed |
| 30 th October | School starts again |
| Monday 6 th November | Themed lunch- Bonfire |
| 10 th November - TBC | Remembrance day. NON-UNIFORM DAY (children invited to wear red)- TBC |
| 13 th – 17 th Nov | Anti-bullying Week. |
| 17 th November | Children In Need Day |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-4 |
| Saturday 2 nd December | School Christmas Fayre- School- 1pm-4pm |
| TBC | Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance |
| 12 th December- TBC | Whole School Christmas Lunch-TBC |
| TBC | Christmas service –Everyone welcome |
| 20th Dec to 3rd Jan 2018 | Christmas Holiday |

Please note: Parents Evening Meetings are a 10 minute slot to hear about how the start of the year has gone. If you have the need for a longer meeting or wish to raise any concerns you may wish to book a separate appointment. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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