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Dear Parents and Carers

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A very warm welcome back to the start of the new school year. It is lovely to be back full time myself, and I have been so impressed with the children's behaviour in class and at playtime this morning; we were all able to enjoy the sunshine and use a full range of equipment in active play. We enjoyed being together as a whole school for our first Collective Worship. As well as new classes, we have some exciting new changes to share with you.

Communication

We have taken on board feedback about making communication between home and school easier, and have upgraded our Parentmail System. This will enable parents to have all school communication sent via one app. The system will allow you to complete forms for permissions electronically, sign up for clubs and make payments for clubs, school trips and eventually school uniform. All letters and parental emails will also be sent via Parentmail. We hope you find this useful. Miss Jackson will send out emails to all parents that are not yet using Parentmail in due course with signing up instruction. If you would prefer a paper copy or large print version please inform the school office.

Please do ensure we have an update email for this communication. Parents can register separately for their convenience of access or have one shared contact.

Another key area of communication improvement is the introduction of Tapestry learning journals in Mars Class which will enable families and school to share key learning moments together. Mrs Santinelli will be sending out log in codes.

Clubs

We are really pleased to be extending our clubs offer, before school, at lunchtime and after school. A big thank you to our committed team of support staff for helping to extend this offer. All clubs are open to all year groups, but some may be restricted to size.



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Before School Clubs 8.25-8.45am

Wake and Shake was really popular this morning with over half the school attending! This will continue to be a daily offer, free of charge to users, led by Mrs Bianchi.

From Monday 11th September we will be introducing our second early morning activity – **Reading Club**. This will be for those who would like a quieter start to the day. Stories will be read aloud, with space for own reading if preferred, or to go on laptops using Oxford Reading to find a story, non fiction and quiz. Books read in this time from the class reading lists will count towards that child's star level.

Lunchtime clubs 12.30- 1pm week commencing 11th September

Football club – Monday & Thursday 12.30pm

Mr Ince will continue to offer the popular lunchtime football club as per last term.

Music Club – Monday 12.30pm

A new club led by Mrs Bianchi, which will focus on song, tuned and untuned instruments.

Chess & Board Games Club – Tuesday 12.30pm

Following feedback that we have some really promising chess players in school, we are pleased to offer this club led by Mrs Ward. Draughts and other board games are also on offer.

Messy Church – Wednesday 12.30pm

We are really excited to be introducing a brand new club – Messy Church. This will be led by Rev Mark and Mrs Maddocks. Each week children will be able to use craft and arts materials to respond to a story or theme from the Bible.

Gardening Club – Friday 12.30pm

Continuing to support our Eco School status, Mrs Chinnery will be offering Gardening club at Friday lunchtimes. In addition to planting, this will include ensuring our grounds offer a rich habitat environment to wildlife.

After School Clubs 3.15-4pm

Please note after school clubs will start week beginning 18th September

We have taken on board feedback about wishes for after school clubs to recommence. We are pleased to be able to extend our after school offer through use of external providers, which also supports our commitment to staff wellbeing. In a very exciting development, two of our clubs are open for parents and carers to attend as well! To increase accessibility of after schools clubs, we are subsidising full costs to everybody, and children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) will be able to attend any after school club free of charge. Please see below for subsidised costs.

Laser Tag – Mondays 3.15pm reduced cost: £1.50, FSM – free

Mr Ince will be offering Laser Tag again this term, as this was voted our most popular after school club.

Art Club – Tuesdays 3.15pm – free

We are very pleased that Mrs Ling is able to offer our ever popular art club again this term. This will include some of our Big Art projects and community outreach.

Reading Café – Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3.15pm – free for children and families

We warmly invite you to come to our after school reading café for a drink and a biscuit, and to share some quiet time with individual reading from our well stocked library. We hope this will be a perfect solution for families who have one sibling in a club or tuition, or for grown ups who would rather not wait outside when it gets cold.



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Tuition – Wednesdays 3.15pm – by invitation, no cost to families

Our after school tuition offer continues to support individual and small groups of children on their learning journey. It is tightly matched to individual learning, and a commitment to attend for the whole programme is expected to ensure maximum impact.

Family Fitness – Thursdays 3.15pm – free for children and families

As part of our commitment to healthy and sustainable lifestyles we are delighted to offer a very new club where children can bring their grown-ups with them (parents, carers, grandparents – who ever is collecting that day) to a shared non contact fitness session.

Dance Club – Fridays 3.15pm reduced cost 3.15pm, FSM - free

We are pleased to welcome a new provider, local to the village. Dance club will focus on a range of styles and genres for a fun and healthy way to keep fit.

How do I sign up for a club?

There is need to sign up to Wake & Shake or Reading Club or to attend the after school Reading Café. A booking form will be sent our via parentmail for all other clubs including lunchtime before Friday.

School Uniform

All children looked great this morning in school uniform colours, it really made us look part of a shared community group. Could I please request that all uniform is named. As an Eco school we strongly encourage the use of second hand and pre-loved uniform. The PTFA have a fantastic system of tracking availability of sizes and items. As a sustainable setting, please do try their stocks first. Contact can be easily made by email cavendishceprimaryptfa@gmail.com all items are clean and washed, and only 50p each!

Meet and Greet your Class Teacher

If you would like to see your child's classroom for this year then please join us for a classroom "drop in" on Thursday 14th September from 3.15pm-3.45pm. Please note this is not a parent consultation and will not be possible to discuss individual children.

SEND/ Health needs

Class teachers will be in contacting parents to make appointments within the next 2 weeks for pupil provision map review. We will also contact families of children that have individual health plans to ensure our information is still up to date. If you have any updated or new information please inform the office.

Data sheets will be sent for review by then end of next week.

Finally I would like to send children and families our very best wishes for the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards

Cheryl Wass
Headteacher



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