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## **September Newsletter**

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely holiday and are ready to start the new school year.

At the start of the school year, I would like to remind you about the strong partnership we have with parents. You know your child better than anyone and we welcome your support with the curriculum. Likewise, we hope you will support us with your child's education.

We hope you and your child's time at Acre Rigg Infant School is a positive experience. Please come into school if you have any concerns or questions. Miss. Garrod and Mrs. Simcox are our school secretaries will be happy to help you.

Key dates for the year will be sent to you on Monday.

### **Prompt start**

Thank you for being on time. Our new times for all children are 8.45a.m. until 3.15p.m.

Our bell goes at 8.45 a.m. for the children so we can make an 8.50a.m. start for schoolwork. Classroom doors close at 8.50a.m. School finishes at 3.15p.m. please support us by bringing your child to school on time.

Breakfast club starts at 8.15a.m. and continues to be free for all children.

### **Service Road**

Please do not enter or leave via the service road near the junior school. The gate near reception will be closed. Delivery drivers etc continue to use the car park when children are in school.

### **Parent's afternoons**

During the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September, you will be invited into school to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. This is a time for you to ask questions, targets will be shared; next steps in your child's learning will be discussed. Dates for parent's afternoons are included in the key date's information.

## **Holidays in term time**

Information was shared with you before the holidays about a change regarding holidays in term time. The government introduced guidelines for schools that no longer allowed Head Teachers to authorise holidays, unless there was an exceptional circumstance. As a school, we will not authorise any holidays in term time. A holiday that exceeds **5** school days may result in a fine; anything below that time will not result in a fine but may result in a formal warning.

Please inform school of any family holidays you may have booked and complete a holiday form, available from the office.

**INSET Days**- September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## **Inhalers**

If your child has an inhaler in school, please come into the school office with a blue inhaler and a spacer. There is a medical consent form for you to complete.

## **After school clubs**

A letter about after school clubs will follow.

## **Child care**

We are in the process of setting up after school child care provision for school children. A survey was sent out before the holidays to gather interest for this service. We are hoping to start providing after school child care very soon. A letter with all of the details will follow.

## **Swap shop**

We have uniform in school that is either new or has been donated and is in very good condition. If you would like to access the swap shop for uniform for your child, please come into the office or email [acrerigginfants@durhamlearning.net](mailto:acrerigginfants@durhamlearning.net)

## **PE Days**

PE days for your child:

Class 1 - Wednesday

Class 2 - Thursday

Class 3 - Monday

Class 4 - Thursday

Class 5 - Monday

Class 7 - Tuesday

Class 8 - Friday

Class 9 - Tuesday

Your child needs to come into school wearing their PE kit and in winter months, black or grey tracksuit bottoms. Please do not send your child in non-uniform on PE days.

**Website information**

**<http://www.acrerigg-inf.durham.sch.uk/>**

Our website is updated on a regular basis. You will find information about the curriculum, events in school and policies. All newsletters can be found on the website too.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs. Kate Longstaff

Head Teacher