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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 is our school Office Manager and she will be happy to help you.

Key dates for the year have been attached to this letter. Some activities/ events may be booked at a later date and time for events will be shared with you closer to the time.

### **Prompt start**

Thank you for being on time. 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 8.00a.m. and continues to be free for all school children.

### **Parent's afternoons**

During the week beginning 21<sup>st</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 is regularly shared with parents and carers about holidays in term time. The government introduced guidelines for schools that no longer allowed Head Teacher's 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027 and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027.

### **Inhalers**

If your child needs an inhaler, if you do not already have one 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.

### **After school childcare**

After school childcare runs until 5.30p.m Monday to Thursday and 4.30p.m on a Friday.

Child care is available from reception through to Year 2. It is £3.50 from 3.15-4.30p.m. and £6 from 3.15p.m. -5.30p.m. All children staying until 5.30p.m will receive a wrap or sandwich, crisps, piece of fruit and a drink as part of the provision. If you would like further information please contact the school office. The booking form is available on our school website.

### **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 [acrerrigginfants@durhamlearning.net](mailto:acrerrigginfants@durhamlearning.net)

### **PE Days**

PE days for your child:

Class 1- Wednesday

Class 2- Monday

Class 3- Tuesday

Class 5- Thursday

Class 6- Thursday

Class 7- Friday

Class 8- 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.acrerrigg-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