



The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

working in partnership with The Stamford Children's Centre

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Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to welcome you and your children back at the start of this new school year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. It was a pleasure to see so many children from Y1 to Y6 returning happily to school today, on time and keen to start the new school year.



Our Foundation Stage

I am delighted to advise you that we have had some extensive improvements to our Foundation Stage Unit during the summer holidays. The work is nearing completion and the staff are now busy preparing for the children to return to our Nursery and Reception classes. We look forward to welcoming the children to the Foundation Stage Unit starting from Monday 8th September.

P.E. – Y1 to Y6

All children from Y1 to Y6 will have their P.E. lessons on Tuesday and/or Friday each week. These lessons will not commence until week beginning 15th September and therefore kit is not required until then. However all children should have a full named P.E. kit in school by that date including outdoor trainers as P.E. will continue to take place outdoors when weather permits.

Morning Arrangements

Please may I remind parents to leave the school through the double doors on the lower corridor when you have said goodbye to your children in the morning rather than coming through the main hall. There will be many occasions when the hall is being prepared for use between 8.30 and 9am this year for different purposes and it will not be possible to use this route. If you need to speak to Mrs Martin to arrange lunches etc, please re-enter through the main school doors. Thank you.

Improvements to our school

Unfortunately, our window replacement plans have been postponed until later this term. It is now likely that this work will be carried out in October and I will advise you of the details when dates are confirmed.



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Welcome to our new teachers

I am delighted to welcome our new teachers as we start this school year to the following classes:

Mrs Helen Pearman – Year 6

Mrs Rosie Carter – Year 5

Mrs Paula Kingman - Reception



Open Days

Once again, we will be holding two open events this term to enable you to spend time in school in your children's new classes. These are always popular events and provide you with a valuable opportunity to meet the staff working your children and to ask any questions you may have. We will be holding these open events in the week commencing Monday 22nd September. I will advise you of the full details by separate letter in the near future.

Free Meals for Reception and KS1 children

As previously advised, all children in Reception and Y1 and Y2 are now eligible for a completely free school meal every day from the start of this term.

This is Government initiative for all children nationally in these classes and is not related to free school meals eligibility due to financial circumstances.

The government estimate that this will save families approximately £400 per child as you will not have to pay for a school meal or provide a packed lunch. This is a significant amount of money and we highly recommend that you do take advantage of the free meals for your child/children.



If you have not already done so and now wish to take up this valuable opportunity, please come and see Mrs Martin who will be happy to provide further details of how you may order the free meals.

Please note that if you did not finalise this before the holidays, the first date we will be able to supply meals is now from Monday 15th September due to the ordering system.

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you again this year and I am sure we will enjoy another positive year as a school community.

Kind regards



Carol Hines
Headteacher

