16th September, 2016.

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome back to school for the new autumn term; we hope you all enjoyed a very pleasant holiday.

Uniform

Children are looking very smart on their return to school after the summer break. We would like to thank all parents/carers for supporting our uniform policy.

Awards for School

Fens has recently been successful in gaining the Gold Mark for PE and the Silver Mark for Science. Congratulations and thanks are due to Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Bryson for leading the school through the award processes, and to all staff and children at Fens whose work and effort have contributed to the school’s success. An excellent team effort all round!

Parent Governor Recruitment

You will have noticed that a Parent Governor information form has been sent home along with this newsletter. *Please note that the closing date for the return of nomination forms is incorrect, and that the actual deadline is* ***12.00 noon on Friday 30th September, 2016.***

SATs and Phonic Testing

A gentle reminder that the month of May is SATs month for our children and June is the month for Phonics Screening, so no requests for pupil absence can be granted for these periods.

PD Days

Could we remind you that school will be closed for staff training (PD days) on Friday 21st October 2016, Thursday 29th June, 2017 and 30th June 2017.

Meals

Could we please remind parents that the cost of school meals is £2.00 per day i.e. £10.00 per week. If your child wishes to change their lunchtime arrangements to dinners or to packed lunches you will need to complete the amendment form available at the office before the end of term. We would also like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid on a Monday and brought into school by the pupil in the envelope provided, then placed in the dinner money tray in the classroom. Many thanks.

Free School Meals

Could we please encourage any parents who think they may be eligible for Free School Meals to claim them as it generates a great deal of funding for the school. Instructions on how to apply can be obtained from the school office.

Family Support Officer

Should you require the assistance of our FSO Mrs Samantha Pugh with regard to attendance or any other matter she can be contacted via the school number above. If Mrs Pugh is unavailable at the time of your call, a message can be left with the office staff and she will contact you at her earliest convenience.

Jewellery Policy & Hairstyles

We would like to remind parents/carers that the school has a no jewellery policy. Children who attend school wearing earrings or studs will need to remove them if they can, or if not parents will be called to attend school to do it for them.

Some hairstyles such as severe close cuts, coloured hair and logos or slashes styled into the hair can be a distraction in school. We ask for your support in sending your child to school with an acceptable hairstyle. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Individual and Family Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 21st September to take individual and family photographs. A separate letter has been sent regarding the arrangements and organisation for this day.

Car Parking

Could we please remind parents that the school car park is strictly for staff parking only (and that no breakfast club drop-offs can occur after 8.15am). We also receive complaints from time to time from local residents with regard to parents parking across private drives resulting in them being unable either to leave or enter their property because of this. We would respectfully request that parents give consideration to local residents when parking. Again, many thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

Dates

21st September, 2016 Family Photographs

17th October, 2016 Parental Consultations 3.40pm – 5.30pm

19th October, 2016 Parental Consultations 5.00 – 7.30pm

21st October, 2016 PD Day - school closed.

24th – 28th, October, 2016 Half Term Holiday - school closed.

31st October, 2016 School re-opens.

29th November, 2016 Disco Night

Wb 5th December, 2016 School Christmas Productions week

Wb 12th December, 2016 Christmas Parties week

29th June, 2017 PD Day - school closed.

30th June, 2017 PD Day - school closed.

Yours sincerely,

Mr CP Cornforth

Headteacher