



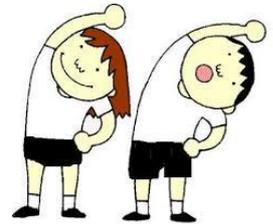
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Dear Parents,

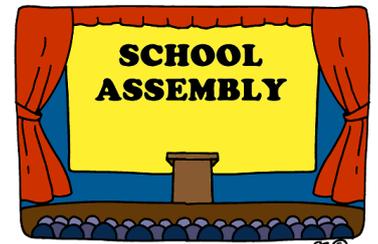
Welcome back to what promises to be a busy but exciting Autumn Term. It has been lovely to welcome our new pupils in Panda Class – they look so smart in their brand new uniform (as do all of our children) and have started school with such a positive attitude and lots of smiles. Great work Pandas.



Speaking of uniform, we will be having a bit of a push to ensure that everyone is in correct uniform here at school. Children that are looking smart and wearing the correct uniform will regularly be awarded house points in order to encourage others to do the same. To refresh your memory, children should be in black or grey trousers or skirts, white or blue shirts and blue sweatshirts or cardigans. Shoes should also be black (without a heel). PE kit should also be correct with black shorts and a white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. As the colder months approach please also ensure that the children have a suitable tracksuit for outdoor PE. Further detail can be found in our Uniform Policy on our school website or a hard copy can be obtained from Mrs Cave.



Giraffe Class will kick off our timetable of class assemblies this year. Their assembly will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the hall. Please do come along and find out what they have been learning about this term. The children really do love an audience! Next up will be Lion Class with an assembly on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, also at 9am. Opportunities for the other classes to lead class assemblies will follow later in the year.



The children have all been taking part in the 'Magic Mile' since the beginning of term. This is part of the Daily Mile initiative set up to help primary aged children become more active – it was in the news last week that the average 9 year old in the UK now spends less time outside each day than members of our prison population! That's quite a worrying statistic! The children are loving the 'Magic Mile' which sees them run, walk or jog around the school site for 10 minutes every day. We have some real improvements in stamina already, well done to everyone for taking part so willingly!

You may have noticed last week that we sent a leaflet about an anxiety workshop taking place in November at Thrapston Primary School. Please note that the organisers have noticed an error in the contact email address on the leaflet. If you wish to book a place at the session, the correct email contact is [claire.golding@thrapston-primary.northants.sch.uk](mailto:claire.golding@thrapston-primary.northants.sch.uk)



Thank you to all of the parents in Panda Class who attended one of Miss Bowron's Phonics Information Sessions, it was great to see so many of you there and we hope that it has given you some insight in to how we teach the children to read and write using phonics. If you have any questions about the scheme or would like further information, please don't hesitate to see Miss Bowron – she has a wealth of knowledge of the subject.

This week has also seen our first school trip of the year take place with Panda Class visiting Salcey Forest to complete the Gruffalo Trail and have a Teddy Bear's Picnic as part of their current topic – A Walk in the Woods. They were all very excited as they left school and I am sure that they will have lots to tell you about it over the weekend – I'm sure they will sleep well for you tonight, the adults certainly will!



Parent's Consultation Evenings will take place this term on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Look out for the letter that will be sent home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October about how to book an appointment. On these evenings there will also be refreshments available in the hall for you and some information on Online Safety.

The Harvest Festival will take place in church this year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm. This year we have decided to deliver food parcels in the village again. We are asking pupils to provide a small food parcel in a decorated shoe box that can then be delivered to members of the local community by groups Y5/6 children. Please send in food parcels on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October so that they can be delivered during the last week of term. If you would like to nominate someone to receive a parcel please let Mrs Cave in the office know. I cannot promise that everyone nominated will receive a parcel but we will do our very best. We recognise that this takes a little time and so, if you wish to donate one parcel per family rather than per child then please do so.



This year also sees our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The Bishop will be visiting us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November for the official celebration and we would also like to hold a party on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The party will be open to everyone in the village and we would love to see as many past pupils there as possible – so if you know of any, please do pass on the message. This promises to be a hugely exciting event for the children with a whole school local history project taking place in the 2 weeks leading up to the event and they will be involved in the party planning too. More details to follow as the event draws nearer.

As always, the Ringstead School Association (RSA), will be working tirelessly to raise money for the children and the school. They have a number of exciting events planned and let you know about these in a separate RSA letter. If you would like to join the RSA, they are always looking for extra help and whether you want to sit on the committee or just lend a helping hand at discos and film nights, they would love to have you. Please let me know if you would like to be involved and I will put in touch with the members of the committee.



As you can see, this promises to once again be an incredibly busy term. We will do our very best to keep you as up to date with information as possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Kind regards  
Mrs Buckley

### **Important dates for your diary:**

We have tried to plan as many dates as possible in to the diary already (can't believe I'm already thinking about July Rose for next year!) to give you as much notice as possible. More information about these events will follow as they draw nearer.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Manor School and Sports College – New Intake Open Evening.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's Consultation Evening – 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's Consultation Evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival in Church at 2:00pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half term Holiday

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Training Day

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School re-opens to pupils

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Open Evening for prospective parents

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Attendance Tea Party for Term 1

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – A visit from the Bishop to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service in Church at 10:50am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations for Pandas, Penguins, Monkeys & Lions

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Book Fair

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Monkey & Lion Classes visit to a Mandir

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – RSA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performances at 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Performances (we are still waiting to hear from Manor School about the use of their hall for this year's KS2 performance)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carols in Church at 1:30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for the Christmas holidays