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'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'

Friday 10th September 2021

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school following the summer break and an absolute pleasure to see and hear their positivity. There has been a real buzz around school. We have had many new children join us in our Nursery and Reception classes but also throughout school too. We offer a very warm welcome to Ackton Pastures. We are so proud of how well children have returned to school and engaged in their work and learning. There have been many examples of pupils demonstrating respect, resilience and responsibility. Well done everyone!

Personally, I have enjoyed working with the amazing staff team and have begun to settle in whilst I cover Miss Lea's maternity. Many parents and children are familiar to me from my time teaching here and I look forward to having the opportunity to get to know more of you over the coming months.

'Genes for Jeans' Day

On Friday 17th September, we would like to invite you to wear jeans for school if you choose, to help raise money for children with genetic disorders. We know 1 in every 25 children has a genetic disorder which can be a reason why someone can't join in as much as they would like. The money we raise might support a service that makes sure that a child *can* join in, a family counselling service, or a specialist nurse to help with their journey. Within school, we will learn about why and how we can raise money on this day. We would suggest a £1 voluntary donation to support this cause.



Children should wear their school uniform top/jumper/cardigan as usual. Children who have PE on Friday may need to change into their shorts on this day.

Lunchtimes

The children have enjoyed returning to the hall for lunch with their class and wider friends. Please can we remind you to pre-order school meals so we can ensure your child is having something they enjoy. If you require support with the ordering of school dinners, please contact the school office on 01977 802322 or ap-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk. It is important that lunch bags are named as we have found that some children have the same one and have picked up the wrong one in error.

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

End of the school day

We appreciate that the end of the school day can be a busy time and particularly now we have returned to our 3.15pm finishing time. Please can we remind parents/carers to be respectful of each other when collecting children. Please avoid blocking the pathway for others passing and wait away from your child's class doorway so all adults can be seen meaning children can be dismissed quickly and safely to those waiting.

PE

Please see below for class PE days. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on their PE day as this saves much learning time by not having to change before and after the lesson. Please take note of whether PE is indoors or out. During colder weather, children should wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts for breaktimes/lunchtimes then remove them for their indoor PE session. Children will decide if they are needed for outdoors.

I appreciate that some families have purchase PE bags which will not be needed for bringing kits to school however, these can still be used to put any layers removed in prior to PE. A PE bag is not required if you do not already have one.

	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor
Monday	1/2S	5J	5J	1C
Tuesday	5/6L	3B	3B	5/6L
Wednesday	6W	4S	Reception	6W
Thursday	1C	3/4H	2V	
Friday	4S	1/2S	3/4H	2V

Goodbye and Good Luck

Today, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Pointon and Mrs Dennison who are leaving us to explore other career opportunities. I'm sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future and in thanking them for all that they have done for the children of Ackton Pastures.

Congratulations

It gives me the greatest pleasure to share with you that Miss Lea is now the proud mummy of her beautiful twins. George and Charlotte were born a few weeks ago and we cannot wait for them to visit us at school sometime soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Taylor
Interim Headteacher