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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of another new school year – the children are settling in to their new school, classes and routines very well. It is a pleasure to welcome old friends back and to get to know our new school pupils. We hope they will be very happy with us. We look forward to continuing to build on the significant rise in attainment and progress at the end of KS2 in July 2018 and to working with you as partners in your children's learning journey. Parents' evenings will be held before the end of the half term to enable you to find out early on in the year about your children's academic progress and social and emotional well-being.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Angel to our teaching team and hope she enjoys working with us, currently in Y3/4. We are delighted that Miss Nudd has recovered and is back at school. She will now be known by her married name, Mrs Gooch. Mrs Boneveld will now be known as Miss Sims. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Stephanie Rowland who will be working across the school in her position as a trainee teacher on the SCITT programme.

Money

Please ensure that you pay on time for school lunches and any music lessons that are still processed through the school office. Lunch money should be sent in to school each Monday for the week, in a clearly named envelope, stating which days a school meal is required. Music lesson payments should be made at the start of each half term. Processing this money takes so much longer for office staff if it comes in throughout the week or falls into arrears. The school has a duty to pursue any arrears and will not hesitate to refer debts to the relevant LA debt collection department. If you experience difficulties with any financial payment please speak to the school office staff/headteacher who will always treat you with courtesy and endeavour to resolve issues at an early stage. Thank you for your co-operation.

Email addresses

The school will continue to send the majority of communications by email so please ensure we have your up to date email addresses as soon as possible. We shall continue using the texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile numbers if you wish to receive these alerts. If you wish to receive paper copies of letters/do not wish to receive texts please inform the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Safety/school arrival/collection

Please remember that you should not drive in to the school car park unless you have applied for a disability parking permit for you or your child. This request is to keep everyone safe. There is no room to turn/reverse a vehicle safely and the car park is very congested with staff cars. Please remember not to park on dropped kerbs/yellow zig-zag lines outside the school and to drive very slowly near the two school sites. We receive frequent complaints about dangerous driving and illegal parking so we really appreciate your support in this matter.

Classroom doors open at 8.50am and this is when staff supervision begins. There is no supervision in the playground before this time but many children arrive before the doors open and play happily outside until it is time to go into class. On no account should children arrive at school before 8.30am, but after this time, at your discretion, they may arrive and wait/play until 8.50am. Adults are in school and, of course, if they have an accident they know they can come in and someone will take care of them. If the weather is wet teachers are happy for children to come into the school after 8.30am. We appreciate that some of you have children at the infant and junior schools and that you may not wish

to leave your child before 8.50am at the junior school. Please make us aware and we will understand that children may be a few minutes late at either school if you want to drop them off in person.

Attendance

You will receive a separate email reminding/informing you of the importance of school attendance and the criteria for receiving warning letters/fixed penalty notices. The school follows the LA guidance/procedures which will be detailed in this email. Although the school's attendance for 2017-18 improved compared to the previous year, it was still below the national average for primary schools. We urge you not to take holidays in term time – this accounts for the majority of the school's unauthorised absence. We are very concerned at the number of pupils who are repeatedly late to school and request that you make every effort to get your child here on time. Let us know if you have particular difficulties with any aspect of attendance – we want to help if we can.

P.E.

Another reminder is that children should have a P.E. kit in school every day of the week. We appreciate that once in a while they might forget to bring it but some children repeatedly do not have a kit in school. They cannot take part safely in sports activities without correct footwear and for health/hygiene reasons should change their clothes before/after taking part in P.E. Many thanks for your support in this matter. Again, let us know if you have any difficulty in supplying a P.E. kit for your child – we want to help!

Diary dates

09.10.18 – Parents' evening – 3.45-6.30pm – details to follow
10.10.18 – 8.30am onwards – individual photos
16.10.18 – Harvest Festival – St Margaret's Church, Ormesby – 11.00am – details to follow
16.10.18 – Parents' evening – 3.45-6.30pm – details to follow
17.10.18 – School closes for half term
29.10.18 – School re-opens
05.12.18 – Flu immunisations Y3/4/5 – details to follow
11.12.18 – 2.00/6.00pm – Y3/4 Christmas performance – details to follow
12.12.18 – 11.00pm – Christingle Service – St Margaret's Church, Ormesby – details to follow
12.12.18 – 6.00pm – Y3/4 Christmas performance – details to follow
13.12.18 – Christmas parties – pm – details to follow
14.12.18 – Christmas parties – pm – details to follow
18.12.18 – School Christmas lunch – details to follow
18.12.18 – School closes for Christmas holiday
03.01.19 – School re-opens for Spring term 2019

Yours sincerely

L. J. Bates

Lucy Bates

Headteacher