

Newsletter – September 2021

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2021 - 2022 new school year. We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break, making lots of precious memories with your family and friends. It has been so lovely welcoming everyone back to school and there certainly has been lots of smiles, excited chatter and laughter as the children have settled into their new classes. I would like to welcome all the new families who have joined our school this year – we look forward to working alongside you and your child/children.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank all of you for preparing your children for the start of the new school year - they are looking very smart and are definitely eager to learn!

Mrs L Ridge

Information

We have many exciting events planned for this school year as we slowly and carefully begin to get back to normal. All of our annual events are detailed on our school calendar, which can be found on our school website www.eastdene.org/information/calendar/. We look forward to times when we - children, parents and staff - can all be together again, and we have our fingers crossed that we will be able to hold our usual school fairs, family learning sessions and celebration events in the very near future!

Over the course of the holidays, we have had significant internal building work completed, with new toilets installed for our key stage 2 children and new flooring and decoration in some of our classrooms. School is once again looking its best for the start of the new school year.

Please look out for our Phase Welcome Meeting presentations. These will be uploaded on to the school website as well as Class Dojo and will give you all the information you may need about your child's class as well as what to expect this year. For anyone having difficulty downloading the Class Dojo App please see your child's class teacher or phone the school office.

Contact Details



Please make sure we have the correct contact details for you and any emergency contacts we have on the system for your child. This is so important, as we may need to contact you in an emergency. Any change of address details will also need to be updated with the school office, thank you.

School Uniform & PE Kit

We would like to see all of our children wearing full school uniform, every day, unless informed differently by the class teacher. School uniform makes children feel proud to come to school, as well as looking smart and having pride in their appearance. I am therefore asking all parents to ensure that children wear full school uniform at all times. Children not wearing uniform will be provided with spare uniform (wherever possible) and parents will be asked to return this the next day. If you have any concerns regarding school uniform then please contact the school office.

Can we also please remind you that children are not allowed to come to school wearing jewellery, other than stud earrings.

Please make sure you know when your child has PE so that they bring their kits to school on the correct day. KS1 can come to school in their PE kit however, KS2 must bring their kit to school on the day and get changed. They will need to wear shorts or leggings, t-shirt and trainers/pumps. We do have spare PE kits for anyone who needs one.

Dinner Money

Dinner money has increased by 5p this year, it is now £2.10 per day £10.50 per week. If your child has a school meal they will be expected to pay for their dinners on a weekly basis or upfront either weekly/monthly if you prefer, unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals or is in KS1 (F2, Yr1, Yr2). We have an online payment system to enable you to do this easily and in your own time. Sims pay has now changed to Pay360 but the login is the same as before, if you have any problems logging on please ring the office for support – 01709 512202.