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Good afternoon,

Welcome back everyone after our summer break. We have a lot to tell you about what has happened during the summer and reminders for the new school year, with Covid restrictions easing. Please read through this letter and if you have any questions at all do not hesitate to contact me on mark.bidgood@canonjohnson.co.uk.

TEACHING STRUCTURE AND NEW TEACHERS

During the last few weeks of term employed a new teacher in Year 4 to work alongside Miss Donnelly. Mr Ward will be teaching Year 4 from Monday to Wednesday each week and we are really excited about another dedicated and enthusiastic teacher joining our staff. We also have two new Special Needs Teaching Assistants who have joined us to support pupils in Year 3 and Year 2; they are Ms Clayton and Ms Szlizcka. I'm sure you will welcome them when you see them around school.

Year Group	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs Dickinson	Miss Osborne
Reception	Mrs Fairclough (Deputy Headteacher)	Mrs Harrison and Mrs Knowles
Year 1	Mr Edwards	Mrs Smeaton
Year 2	Miss Renshaw	Mrs Hussain
Year 3	Miss Wood	Mrs Holland-Powell
Year 4	Miss Donnelly and Mr Ward	Mrs Culpepper and Mrs Crolla
Year 5	Mrs Myers	Mrs Watling
Year 6	Miss Pollard (Assistant Headteacher)	Mrs Ott
Learning Support Team	Mr Keaney	Mrs Bradley
Office Team	Mrs Shah	Mrs Zia
Building and Premises Team	Mr Broadbent	Mrs Chilton
Welfare Staff	Mrs Szlizcka Mrs Vickers Mrs Clayton	Mrs Walthew Mrs Canaan Mrs Bashir



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NURSERY PLACES

We still have a number of Nursery places available for this school year. We also have some 30-hour places available and paid full-time places available. For more information about our nursery, or to arrange a visit to look around, please contact Mrs Fairclough at reception@canonjohnson.co.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT

I have been really pleased to see every child in full school uniform so far this week and thank you for sending your children in with the correct uniform. We will also be checking PE kits over the next two weeks when PE lessons start. The school's PE kit is:

- Black pumps
- Conventional trainers for outdoor activities (no hi-tops)
- Navy/black shorts
- White t shirt

To help children to prepare for PE lessons quicker we are asking pupils to wear their PE kits into schools when it is their PE day.

UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS

During the summer term the office and I tried to contact several families either by phone, text or email and were not able to get in touch. Please could you come into the office with any new contact details so that we can change these on our registration system. We will be sending out the details we do have for you to check in the next week.

TOAST AND MILK MONIES

All payments are now made using our online system. If you would like your child to have snack, attend breakfast club or have a school dinner (Year 3 upwards) please can you set up your details on the Arbor Parent Portal or contact the office and they will help you set up payments. Please try and make these weekly payments as it helps the office to monitor payments on the system.



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If your child has school dinners, please could you log onto the School Grid and order your child's dinners each week. If you do not have a login, please speak to the office and they will help you set one up.

SWIMMING AND PE

Swimming for Year 4 will start this Monday and all pupils must take part as it is an important part of the national curriculum. Mr Keaney, Mrs Crolla and Mrs Culpepper will be taking the pupils each week from 1.40-2.20pm.

All pupils will be told when their PE lessons are by the end of today. I will confirm the days for each class in next week's newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

The government have asked all schools to return to their usual attendance procedures and look to improve attendance over the next 12 months after the lockdowns. If your child is going to be absent from school, please either email me or ring the school to explain the absence and please notify us if you are going to be late in picking up your children by ringing the office on 0161 330 3169.

For families that drop below 90% or are persistently late (after 9am), Mr Keaney will be organising meetings to support you in improving your child's attendance. Unfortunately, schools have been asked to apply for fines through the local authority if attendance does not improve.

BUILDING WORKS

We have had extensive building works across the school during the summer and the building work will continue for the next few weeks. Each class has now been fitted with an outside door for the pupils to enter and leave school and ramps to these class doors in Key Stage 2 will be finished in the coming months. We are also having a new security fence installed around the field so that the pupils are more secure, and this will also hopefully stop people vandalising the equipment in the Early Years playground.

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR

In next week's newsletter, I will share some of the events we have planned for this term. During the week beginning 13th September, all parents will be invited in to their child's class to find out about what their child will be learning and any key messages for the year. I will share the timetable for this next week but please try to attend, as this will be an important start in our push to further improve communication in school.



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COVID RESTRICTIONS

Although COVID restrictions have eased, we are still asking people to be respectful of keeping as much distance from other families as you can. If a child tests positive they will be expected to isolate and then Test and Trace will identify and notify any other close contacts. This should mean that schools will no longer need to isolate whole classes unless there is a surge within a class. Current guidance states that if a class has more than 10% of positive cases the pupils all may have to isolate to stop the spread of the virus.

Have a great weekend.

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