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WELCOME BACK!

It has been great to welcome back all our children and families this week.

We hope the whole community has had an enjoyable summer break.

HEALTHY BREAK TIME SNACKS

All Infant children are given a piece of fruit to enjoy each day in school.

For Junior children, if your child brings a break time snack to school, please make sure that it is a healthy option.

Please don't send crisps, chocolate or sweets for break time snacks.

Some healthy suggestions:

Fruit

Yoghurt tubes

Cheese straws/Babybels

Toast or Bagels

Thank you for your support.



KEEP IN TOUCH—HOW TO CONTACT US

Short messages can be given to staff on the playground at the start or end of the day.

If you would like a more detailed conversation about a particular matter, please make an appointment through the office.

Your child's teaching team can be easily contacted by email. These emails are checked each school day and someone from the team will get back to you.

Nursery & Reception	Earlyyears@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 1	Year1@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 2	Year2@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 3	Year3@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 4	Year4@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 5	Year5@bluecoatfederation.co.uk
Year 6	Year6@bluecoatfederation.co.uk



PARENT AND TODDLER

Our popular Parent and Toddler group will start again later in the term on Tuesday

5th November.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER VISITS

All the children will have their photograph taken by the School Photographer on the following days:



Infant School: Thursday 18th September

Families can come into school from 8am for family and sibling photos on these days. Parents/ Carers need to stay with their children until the normal school opening time.

PE DAYS

On their PE day children can wear their PE kit all day.
Please make sure that it is the correct Blue Coat PE kit:

Dark Blue Shorts and White T-Shirt under a dark blue or black tracksuit with black pumps or trainers

Earrings can not be worn during PE lessons so it is best for children not to wear them at all on their PE day.

Day	Infant School	Junior School
Monday	Reception	6BA and 6ML
Tuesday	Nursery	6EP and 6LW
Wednesday	Year 2	Year 4
Thursday	Year 1	Year 5
Friday	The Ark	The Ark
		Year 3

<u>Nursery and Reception</u> children are not starting their PE lessons yet. So please send them to school in their school uniform every day until the Foundation Stage team informs you that PE lessons are starting.



SUMMER READING AND WRITING CHALLENGES

Thank you so much to all the families who have supported the Summer

Reading and Writing Challenges over the Summer. It has been great to see so many children making use of the public library and maintaining their reading and writing skills during the holiday.

It is not too late for your child to bring in any written work for the writing



challenge or certificates from the library for us to celebrate in school. Please send these in by Wednesday next week.



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT

It has been great to see the children in their smart Blue Coat

uniform this week.

Please support our expectations by

ensuring your child comes to school

everyday wearing the correct school uniform.

All children from Year 1 upwards should be wearing a Blue Coat tie. Ties can be purchased from either of the school offices.

Please make sure your child wears the correct Blue Coat PE kit on their PE day (dark blue shorts and white T-Shirt under a dark blue or black tracksuit with black pumps or trainers).

Winter coats should be dark blue or black.

DAYS AND DATES

There are lots of events planned for this term, many of which parents and carers will be welcome to attend.

We will be sending out a list of Days and Dates for the term soon so please look out for these.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Please remember that the
Governors operate a strict policy
regarding extended leave during
term time. To maintain your
child's consistent education,
extended leave will not be granted
and if your child has unauthorised
leave, you could be liable for a
fixed penalty fine or your child
could lose their Blue Coat place.

Thank you for supporting your child's regular attendance at school.



St Matthew's Church Centre | Blue Room Second Tuesday of Each Month 11.30AM - 1.00PM

Meet other people in the community with memory problems and their carers.*

Call in for a Cuppa & Cake!

entertainment, games & crafts.



*Please Note | Carers must be in attendance at all times



COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The safety of children making their way home at the end of the school day is of great importance to us. Please note our policy on the safe collection of the Blue Coat Infant and Junior children. As you will see below, the arrangements are different depending on the age of the child.

Infant children (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Infant children will only be released to an adult known to the staff. It is vital that parents/carers keep staff informed of any changes to the normal collection routine for their child so that if there is a change, the end of day handover can run smoothly.

Older brothers or sisters are only permitted to collect Infant pupils if they are 14 or older.

Junior Years 3 and 4

Junior children in Years 3 and 4 will only be released to an adult known to the staff. It is vital that parents/carers keep staff informed of any changes to the normal collection routine for their child so that if there is a change, the end of day handover can run smoothly.

Older brothers or sisters are only permitted to collect Year 3 and 4 pupils if they are 14 or older.

Junior Years 5 and 6

If children in Years 5 and 6 live close enough to the school to walk home, they can be released to go home on their own but only if written consent has been submitted to school by the parent/carer.

It is not appropriate for Junior children to travel home alone if the journey involves travelling on a bus. It is also not acceptable for children to wait to be picked up from just outside of the school after 3:30pm.

General points

Please ensure that your child is collected on time. It is upsetting for a child to be in a situation where all their friends have been collected and no one has come to collect them. If you are running late, please contact the school to let us know so that we can reassure your child. If children are not collected promptly at the end of the day, they will be sent to the after school club and you will be charged for their care.

Please make sure that the contact details we hold for you are up to date so that we can contact you easily if we need to check about collection arrangements or manage any aspect of your child's welfare.